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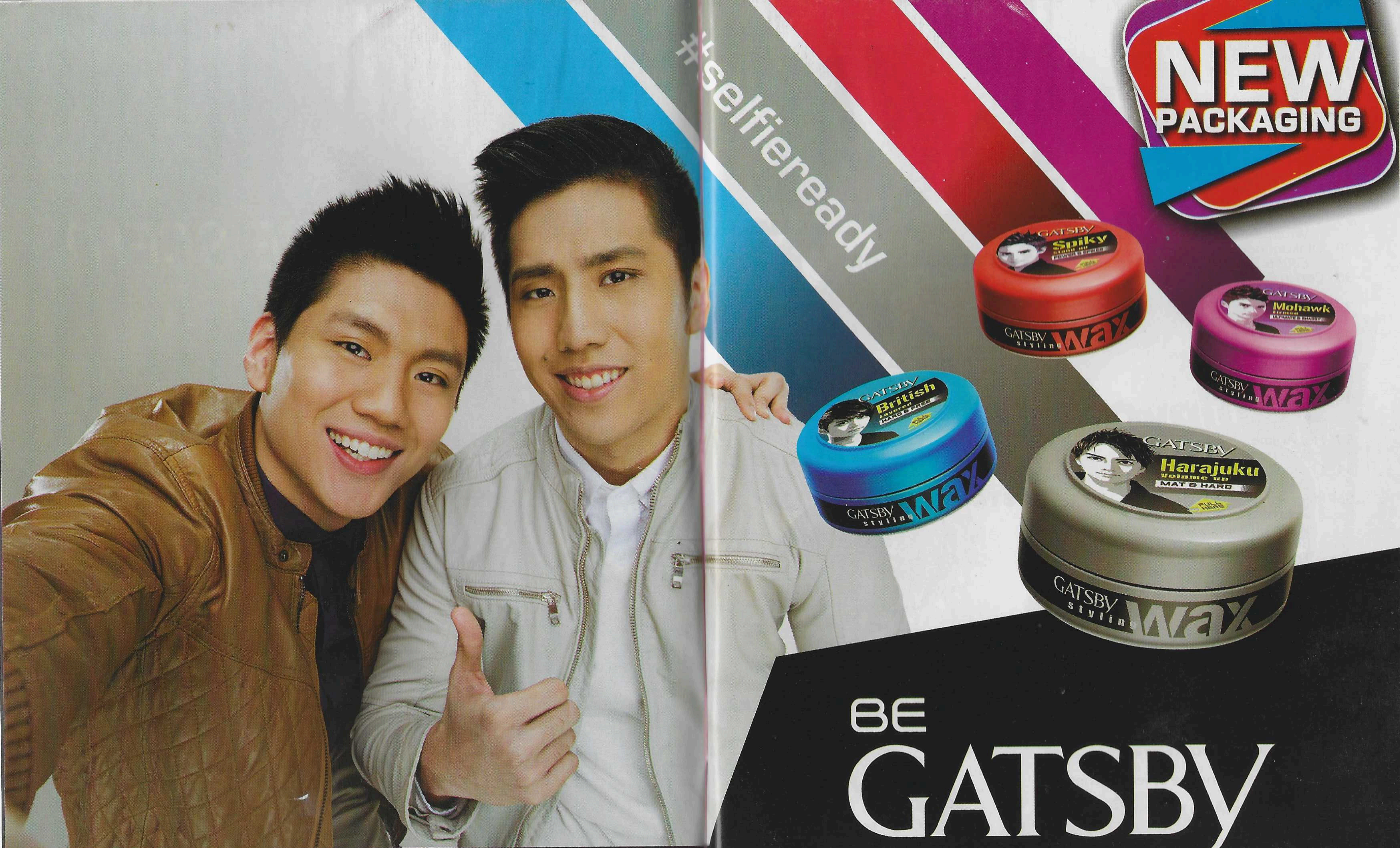
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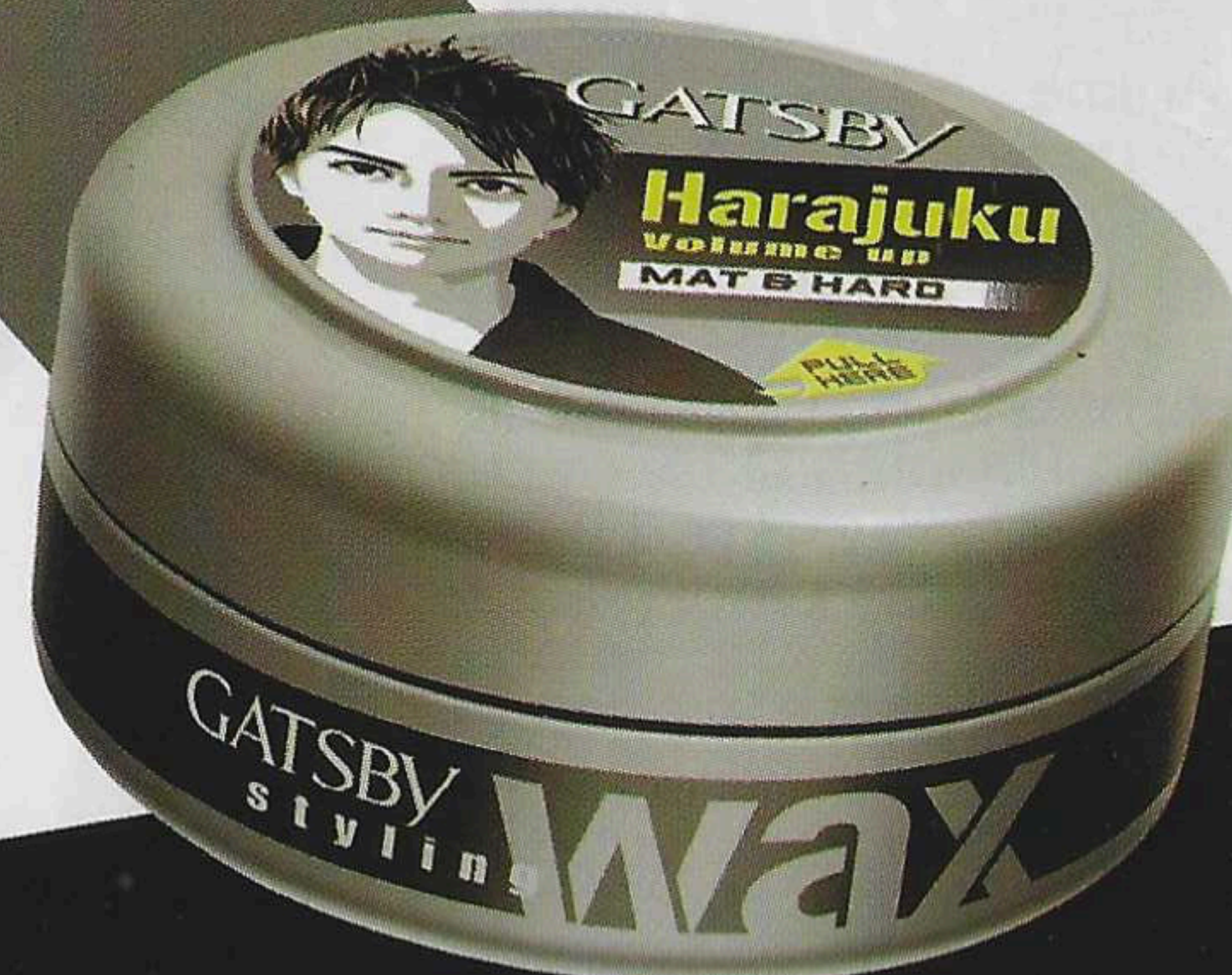
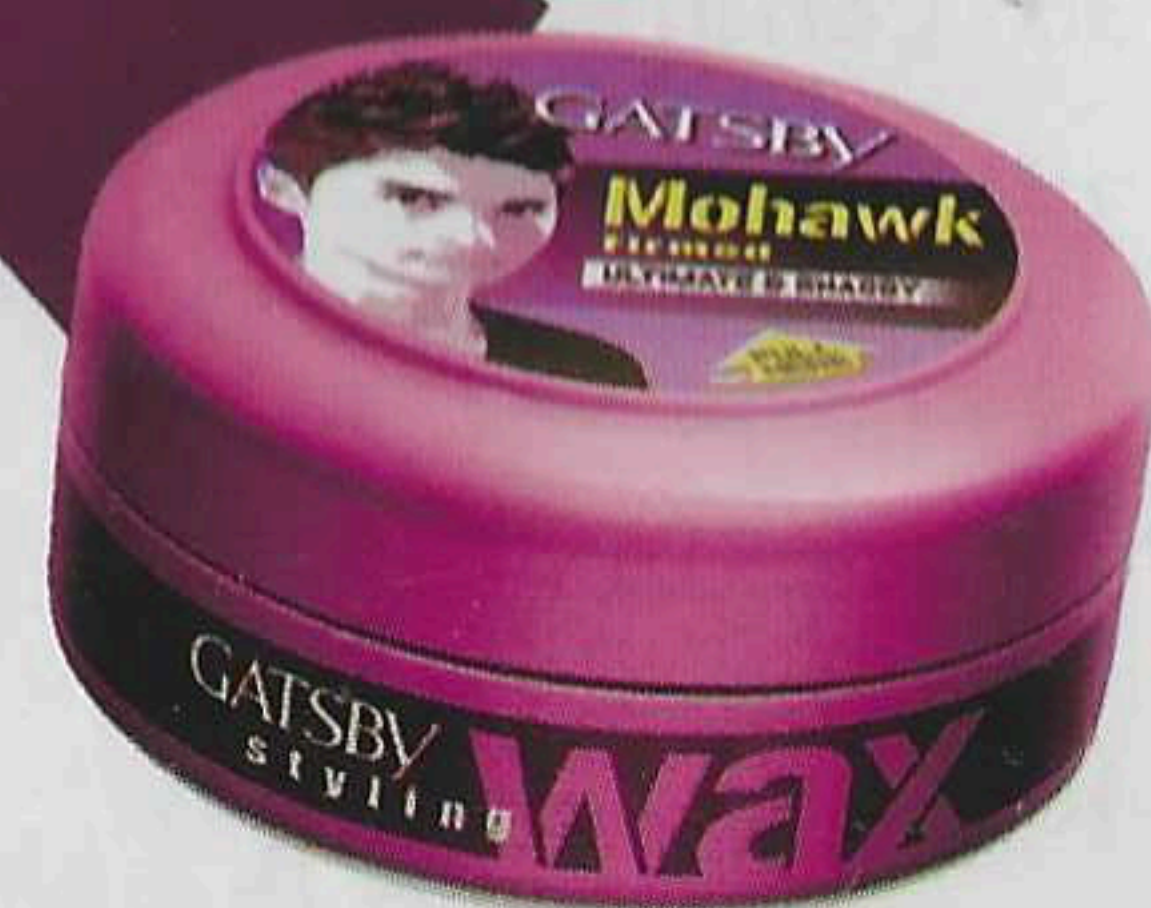
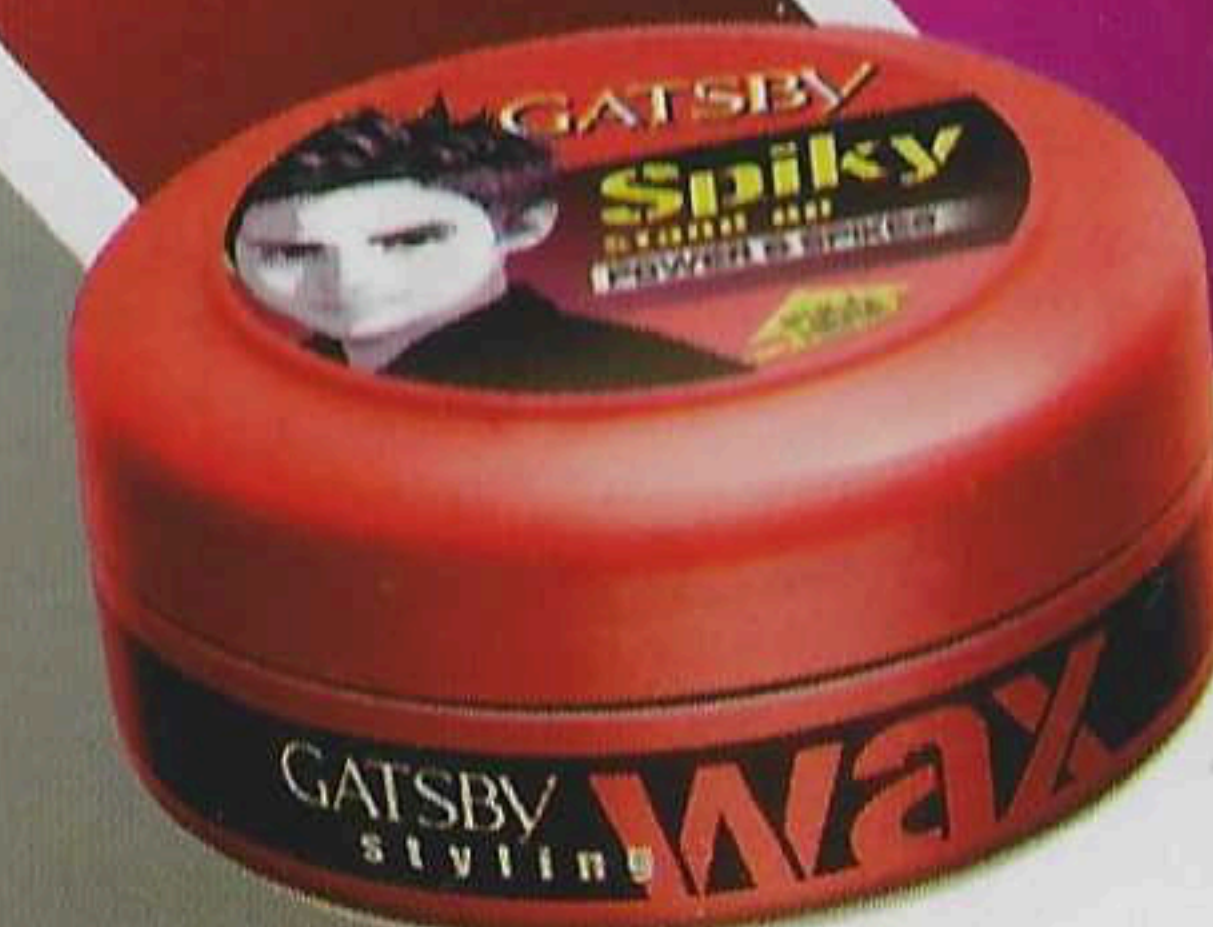
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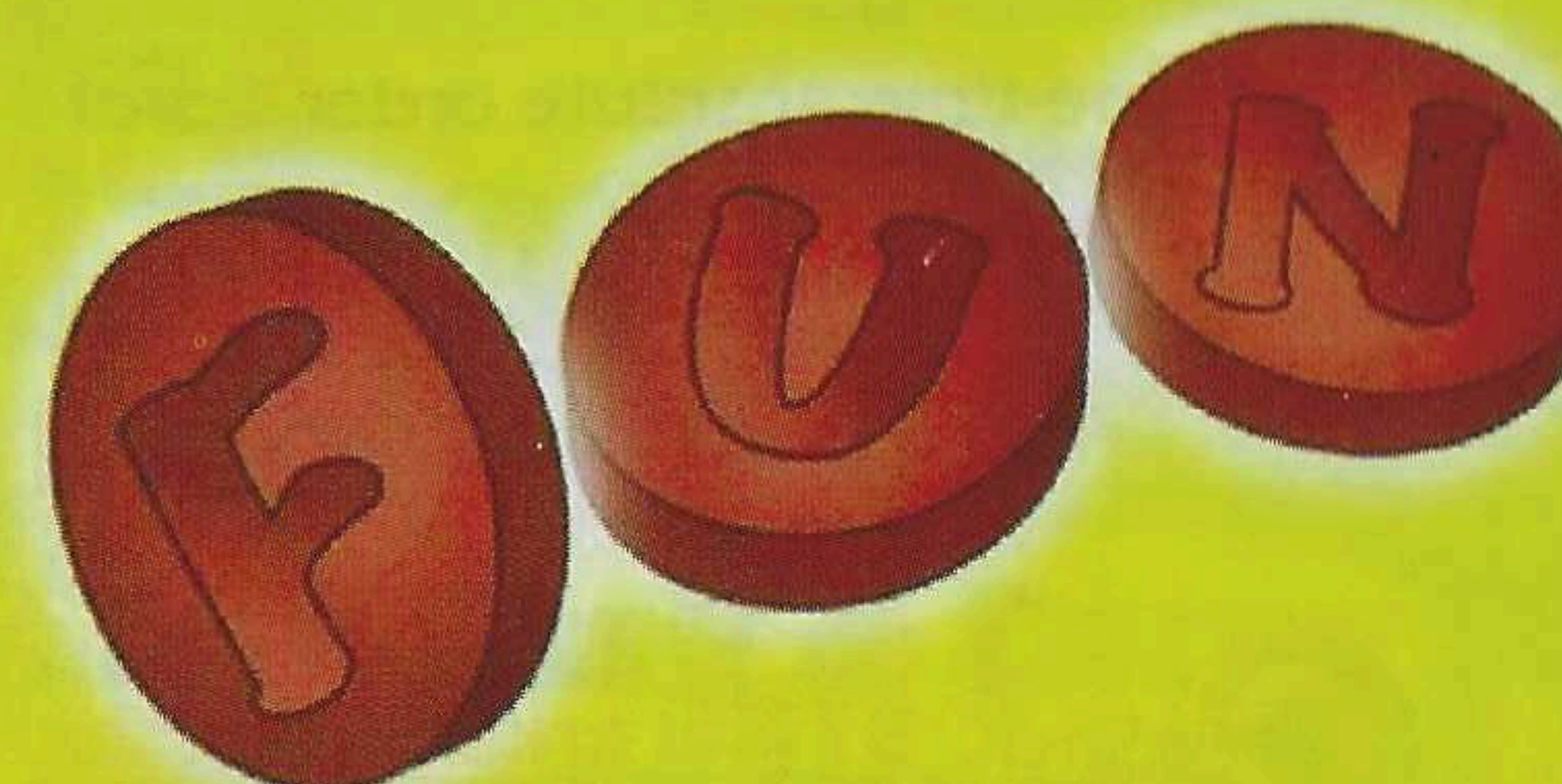
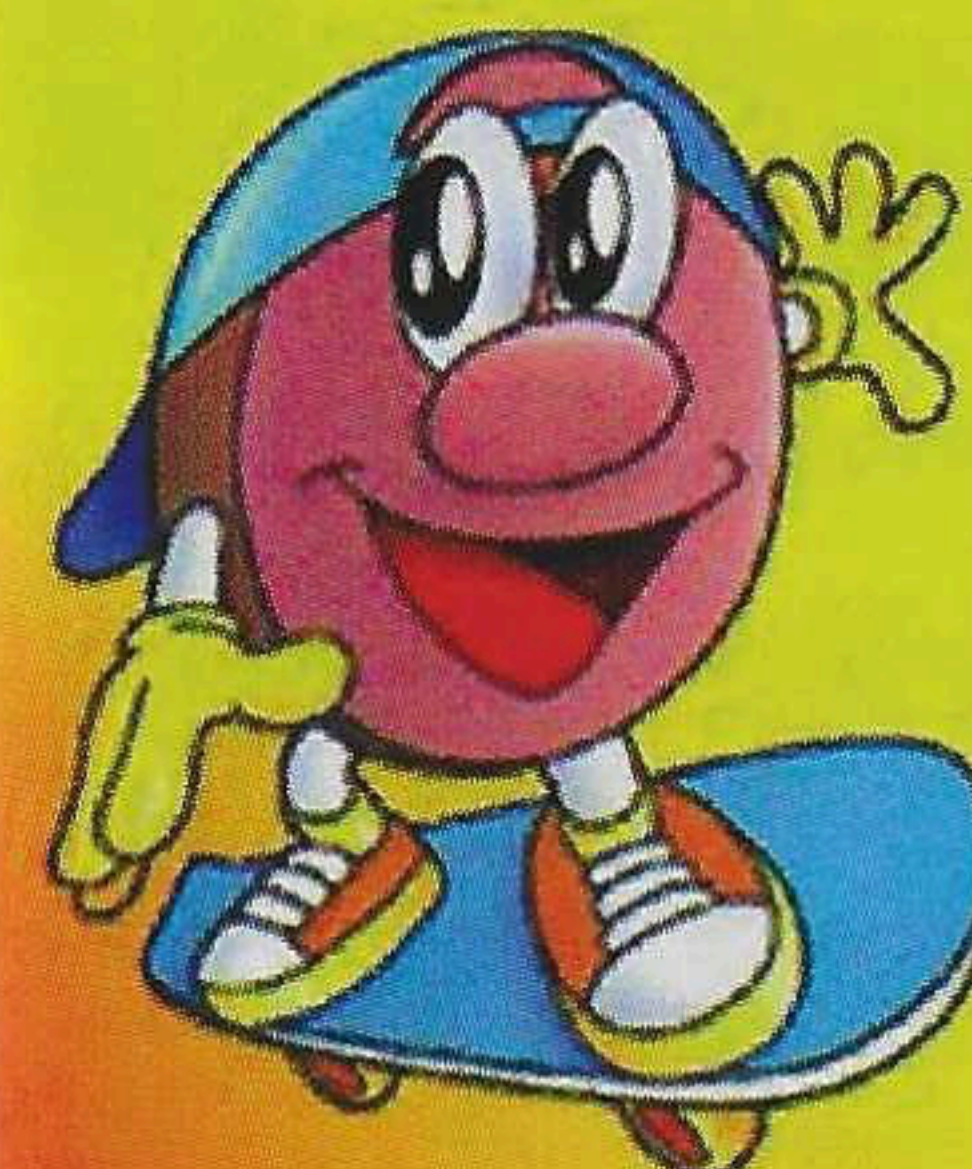
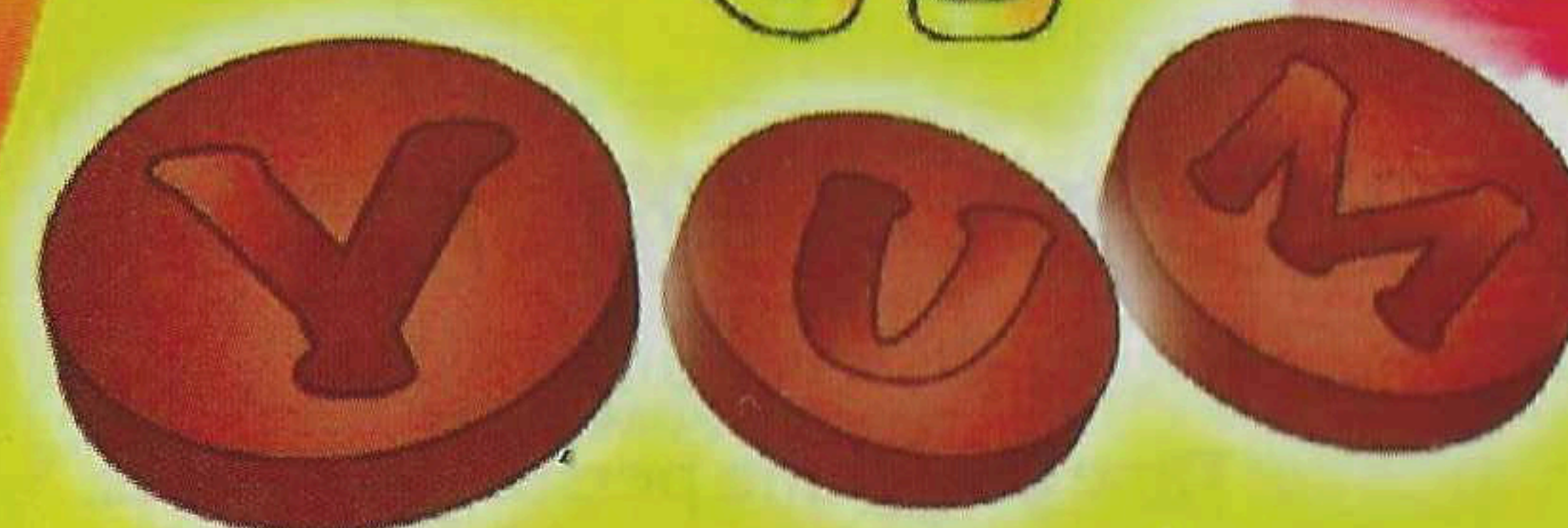
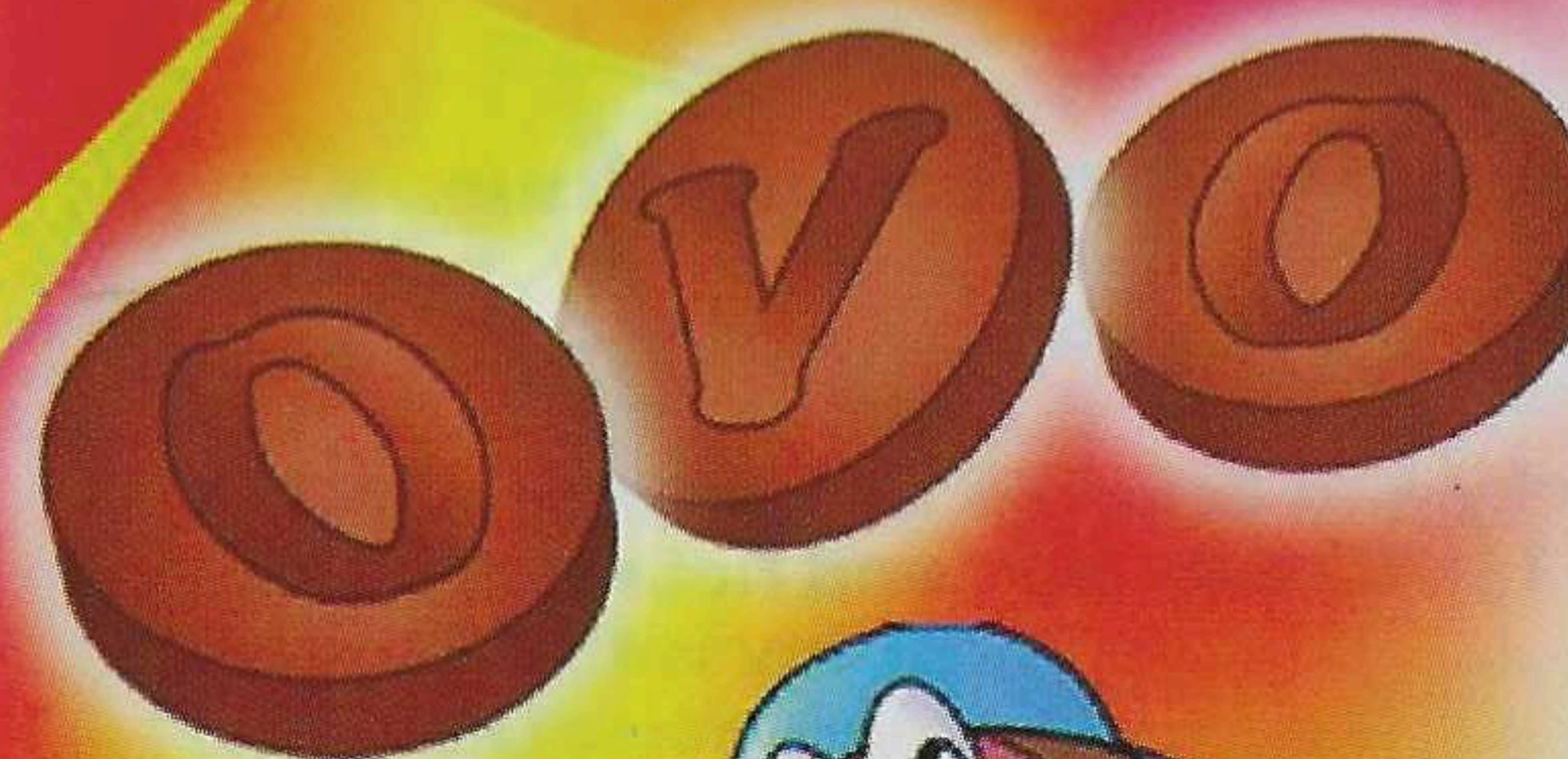


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Happy Valentines Day!

This month, we bring you Chinese New Year, travel books to places in Japan and TWO cover features! Parasyte, the hottest anime last season and Kuroko no Basuke Season 3, the most anticipated anime this 2015.

Also in this issue, we also feature the one who gives out chocolates even if it's not February, the lovable No Face cosplayer, Vincent Austria.

We will also start the new lifestyle section, for gamers, HERE TO PLAY on page 26-27 featuring Ankama Games!

Enjoy the magazine and keep sending us messages~
-GM Kandy

CONTRIBUTORS QUESTION: What would you give as a Valentines day gift?

Otaku Asia Anime Magazine complete issue.
-Aira Agacan

Wasabi pocky and ticket to The Last: Naruto The Movie (Feb 11). Kidnap her (and her sister). Make her my waifu. #togeipi
-Heloise Diamante

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Giri choco? Even if it sounds cliché. I haven't tried making that. Haha.
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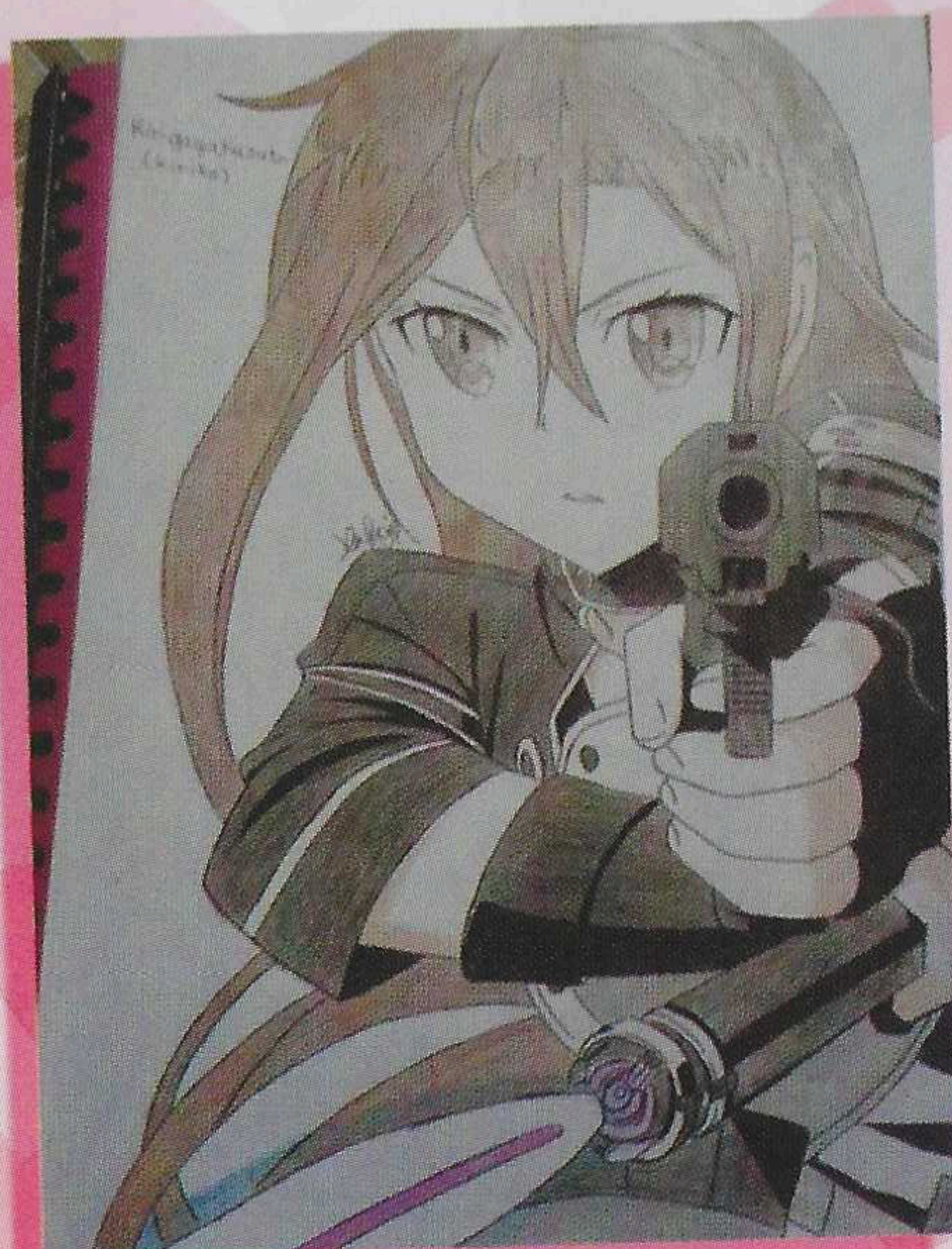




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Hi! Otaku Asia :D Hoping that my Collection and Artworks would be featured on your magazine. I'm really fond of Anime. I really like your magazine, it's a complete package (The Manga, Anime, Live Actions, Events and anything about the Japanese Culture). Keep up the good work.

-Yell Mae Nicolas



Vanessa Mae Nanquil

Pwede po ba sa next issue ay ang cover niyo po ay kuroko no basuke? Pati po lagay rin po kayo ng tips mula sa League of Legends? Kung maaari lang po Thanks

-Nikko Manza



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- Frances Barredo

Hi OTAKU ASIA!!
I've been collecting your mag issues i got 7 here and still looking for past issues para ma-complete ^o^//
Thanks to otaku asia di na ako nalilito kung ano magandang panuorin or basahin and im updated. Your mag is a great help for us otakus to learn more i hope na ma feature niyo ang kuroshitsuji and code geass.

You guys rock i hope for MORE AND MORE issues to come X3
Here's my drawing of nobara from inu x boku xx

Ps: Greet ko lang po clanmates ko from Domination of Majestic otakus 2 Sup XD

-MAC Estuaría



Konichiwa Otaku Asia team!
Just bought four issues of your mag, bit if i will rate it, it's 10/10!
Thank you for bringing entertainment to all of us otakus in the Philippines! Arigato ^^
P.S. Pwede pong paki feature ang Grisaia no Kajitsu in your next issue? Onegaishimasu ^^

-Josh Papauran



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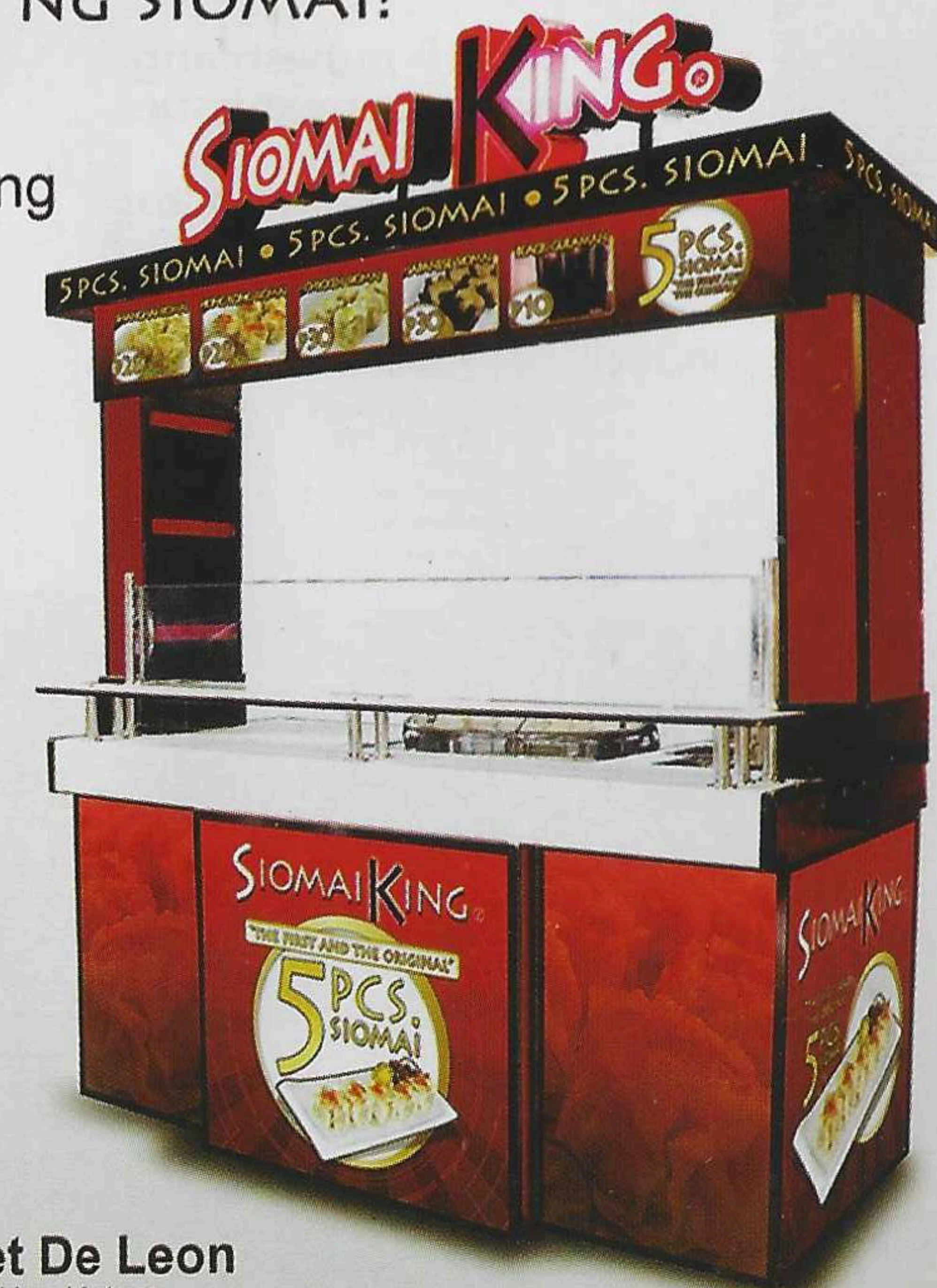
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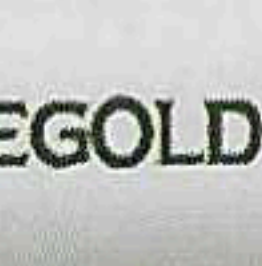
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Thanks po

-Cy-Chi



LONG LIVE OA STAFF!!

I hope One Piece will be in your next cover.. Can you please have an issue that will feature all Sports related Animes? THANK YOU!

- Caryl Ragay Galeos



Hello OA staff!

Thank you so much for bringing us an informative and entertaining anime magazine. I received my package from you guys last monday (Dec. 8)... THANK YOU!!! And my collections are now complete.

Can I make a request? please feature VALVRAVE THE LIBRATOR & SGT. KERORO! God Bless!

- Claire R. Galeos

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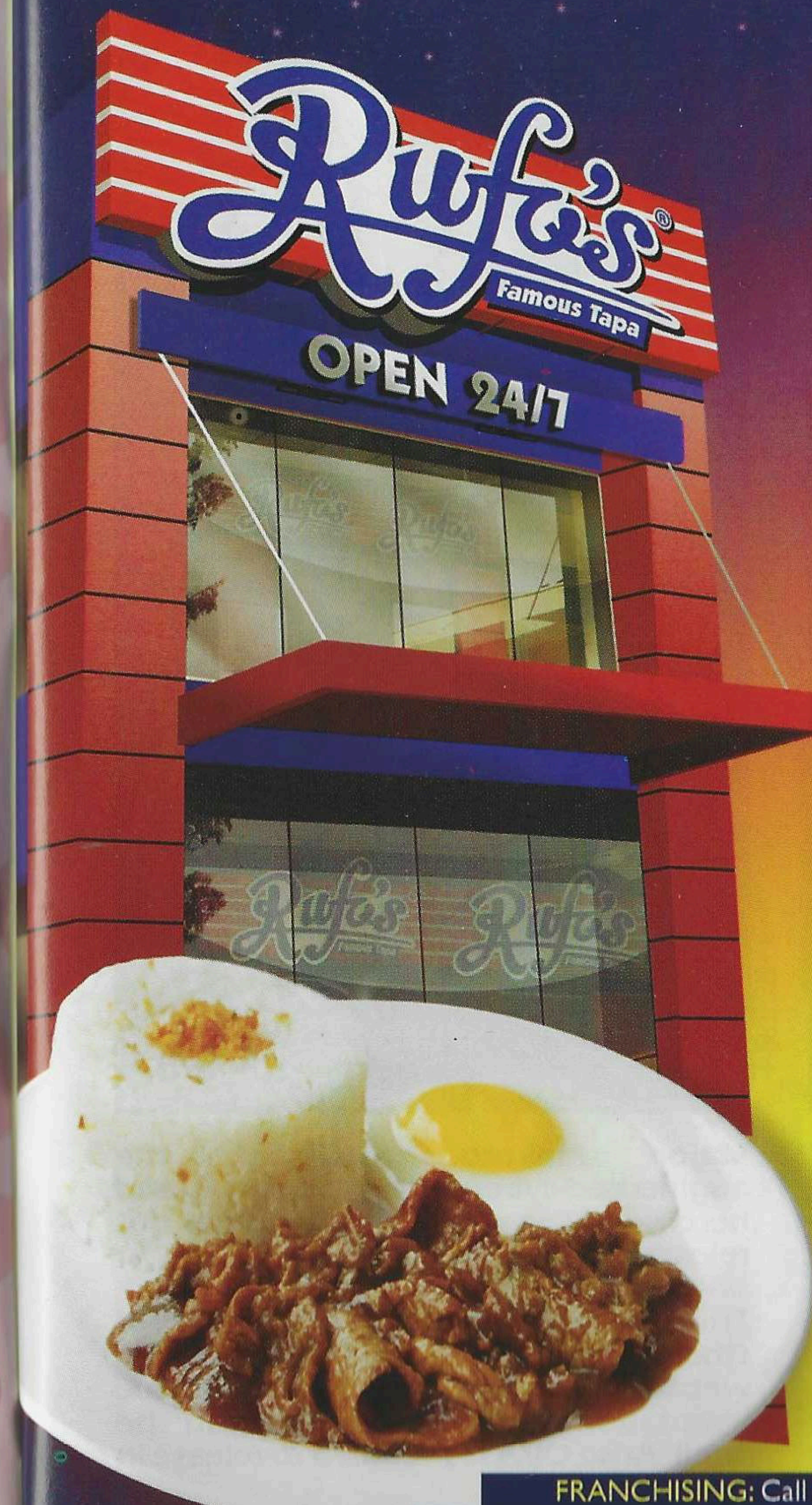
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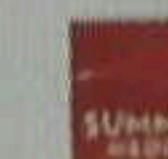
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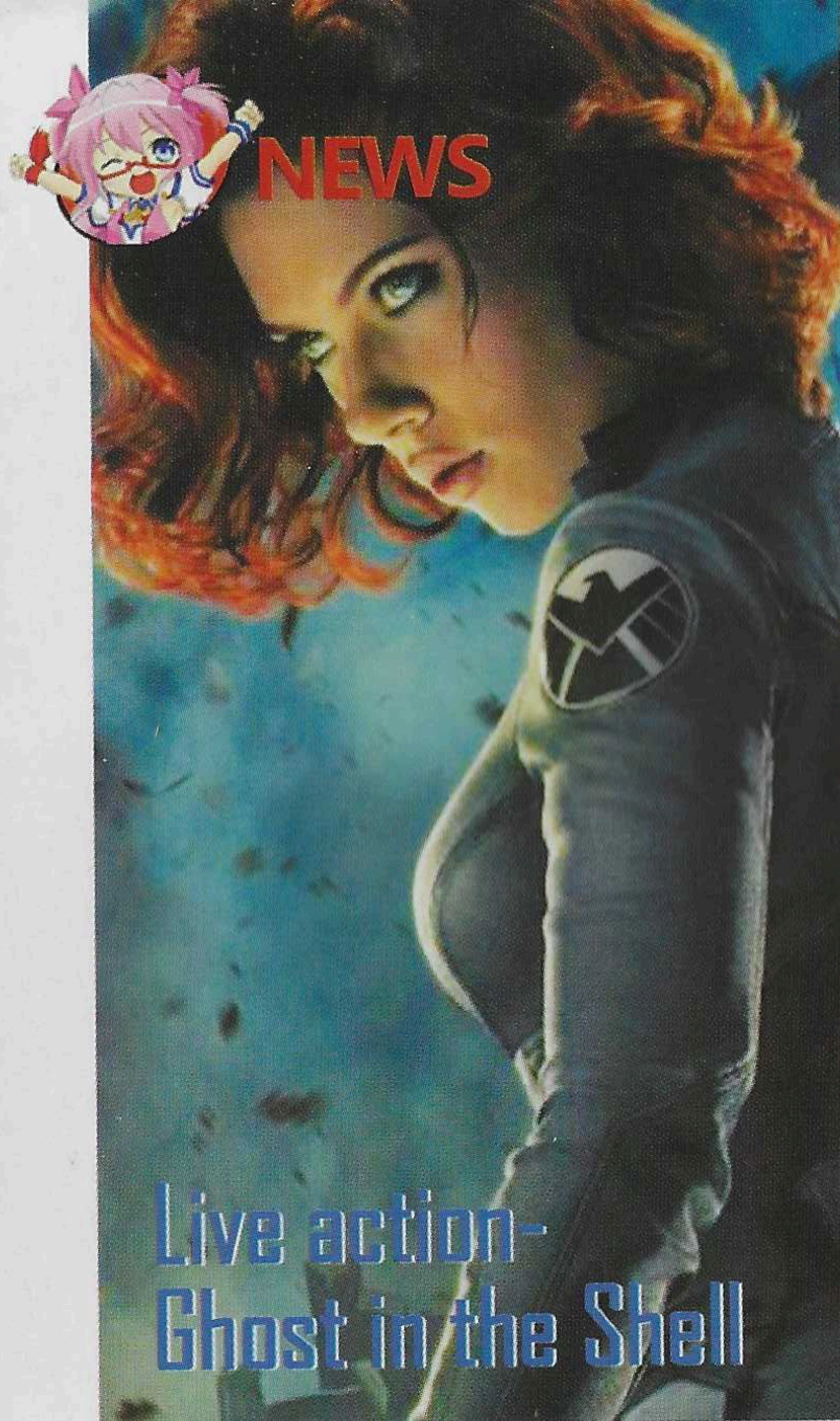
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Disney has scheduled its release of Dreamworks' live-action *Ghost in the Shell* film for April 14, 2017. The entertainment news source Variety reported that Scarlett Johansson has signed on to star in this adaptation of Masamune Shirow's manga.

It's been said that director Rupert Sanders will be working with script writer William Wheeler. Avi Arad, Seaside Entertainment's Steven Paul, and Mark Sourian are producing under Touchstone Pictures.

Dreamworks will be working with co-founder Steven Spielberg who has quoted, *Ghost in the Shell* is one of my favorite stories. It's a genre that has arrived, and we enthusiastically welcome it to Dreamworks.

Despite the raging disagreement of fans who think that actresses of asian heritage are better suited for the role of

Major Mokoto Kusanagi, the augmented-cybernetic human and heroine of the story, the studio has not released a statement.

This 2015 is also the 25th Anniversary of *Ghost in the Shell* and their official website has announced that a TV anime adaptation based on the *Ghost in the Shell: Arise OVA* is sheduled to release in Spring.

For now, the trailer and key visual has been released.

Ghost in the Shell came from an 1989 manga by Kodansha primarily set in the mid-twenty-first century in the fictional Japanese city of New Port City. The story follows the members of Public Security Section 9, a special-operations task-force made up of former military officers and police detectives.

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you're going to want something new

Last year, Nintendo released redesigned models of the 3DS and 3DS XL featuring an additional directional button and trigger along with NFC support.

With a debatedly unflattering name, the New 3DS was widely accepted by the gamers awaiting an update from the renowned company. It comes with a refreshed handheld model purport to feature an improved screen enabling the 3D effects to be viewed from more angles than before plus longer battery life.

Sporting the same size as the earlier product, the New 3DS includes a C-button for controlling games with dual analog controls, a micro SD card slot and NFC-technology.

Additionally, the power button, cart and stylus slots are all tucked nicely in the bottom-front of the unit.



New Nintendo 3DS



New Nintendo 3DS LL



C-Stick

Just like the one on the Game Cube Controller, this small stick can be used as a secondary analog stick, camera adjustments and other secondary functions in games. Perform Smash Attacks quickly and easily in *Super Smash Bros. 3DS*.

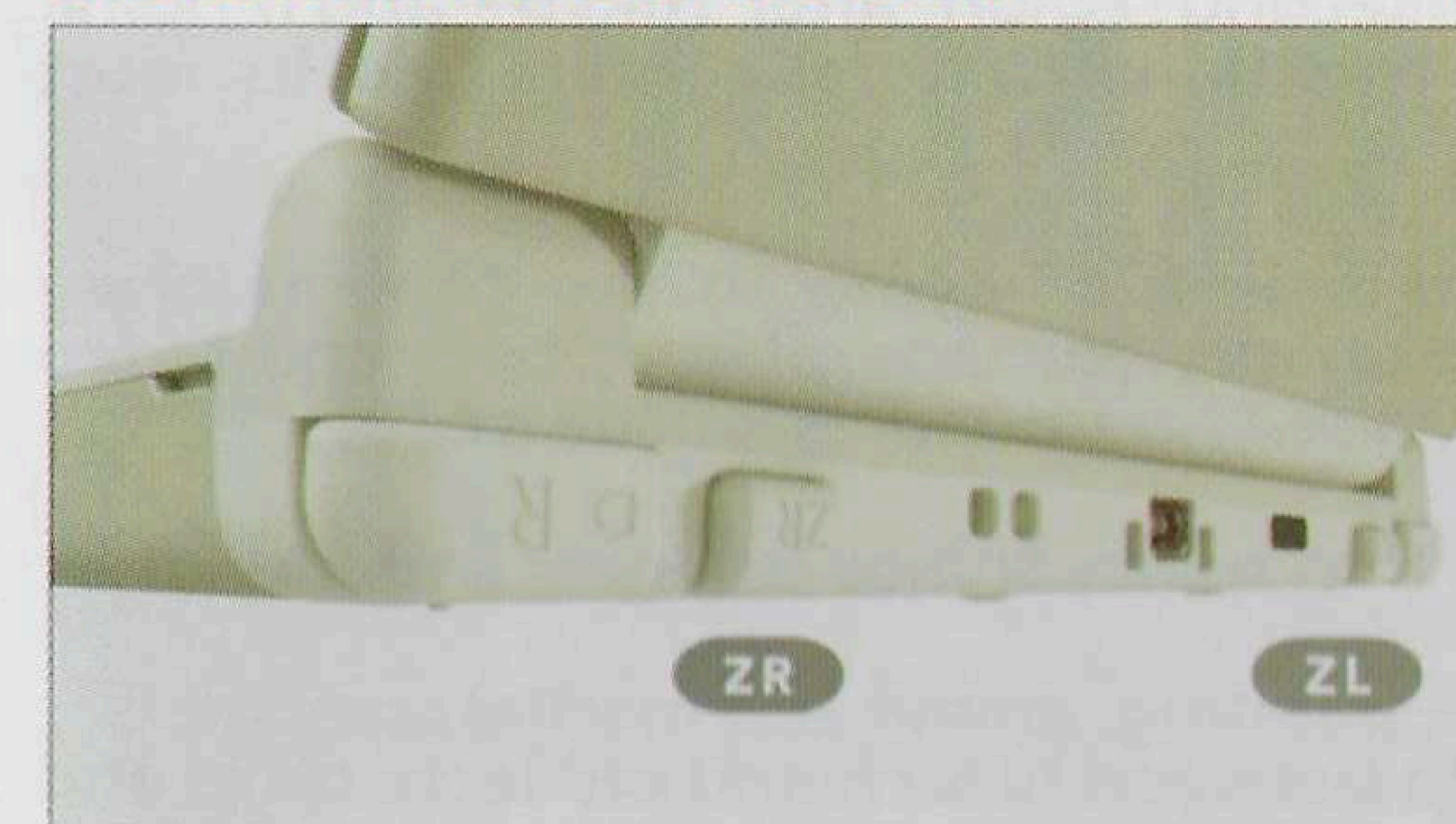
ZL and ZR

From six to eight action buttons, the New 3DS now has two all new shoulder buttons similar to that of the Wii Classic Controller.

Amiibo

Nintendo's new figurines of fan-favorite characters like Mario and Link is NFC enhanced, allowing you to easily swipe and use any Amiibo figure.

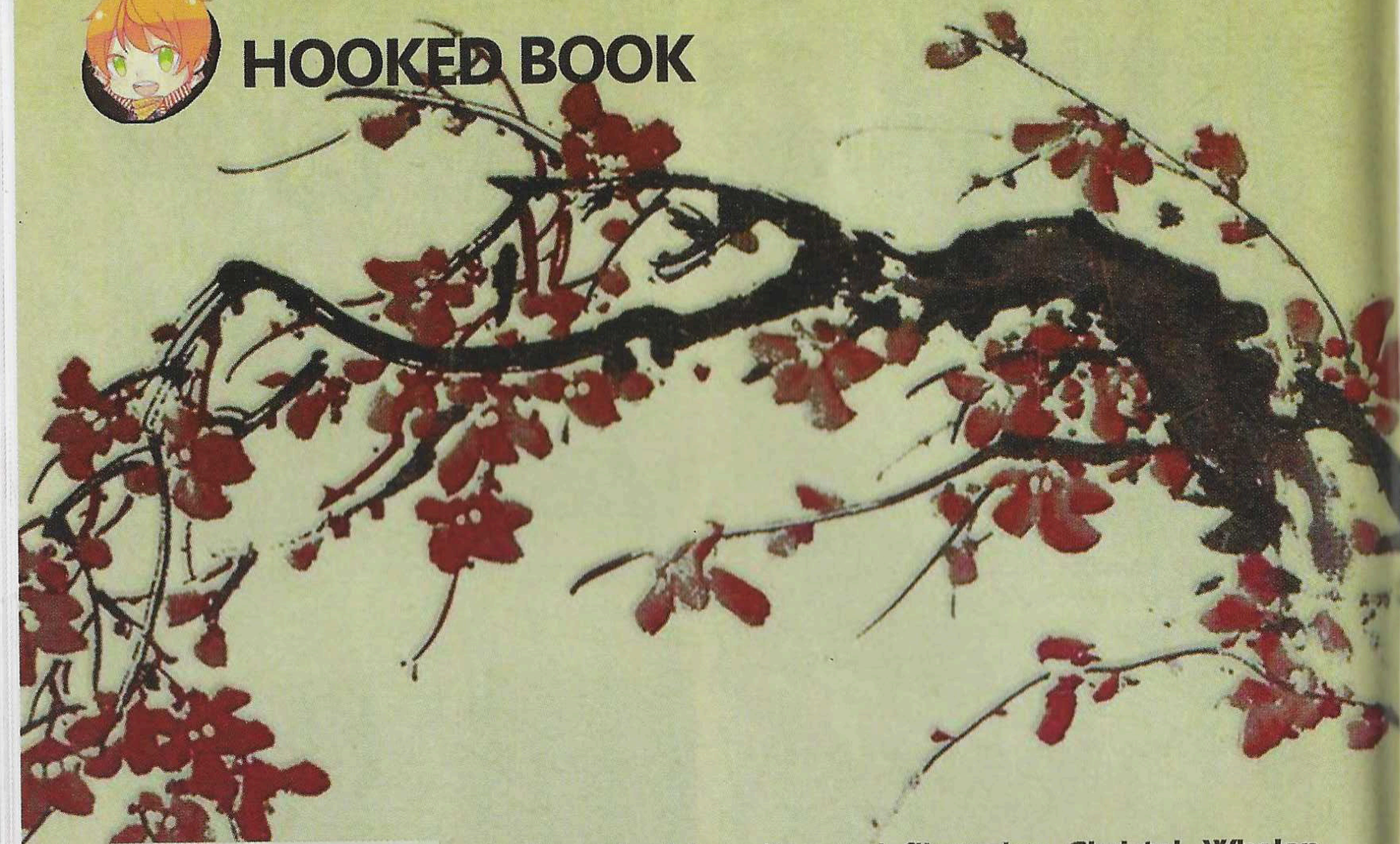
The console is set to be released on February in North America and shortly, Philippines. We at Otaku Asia look forward to this better hardware, are you?



Hello new trigger buttons



Hello Amiibo Functionality

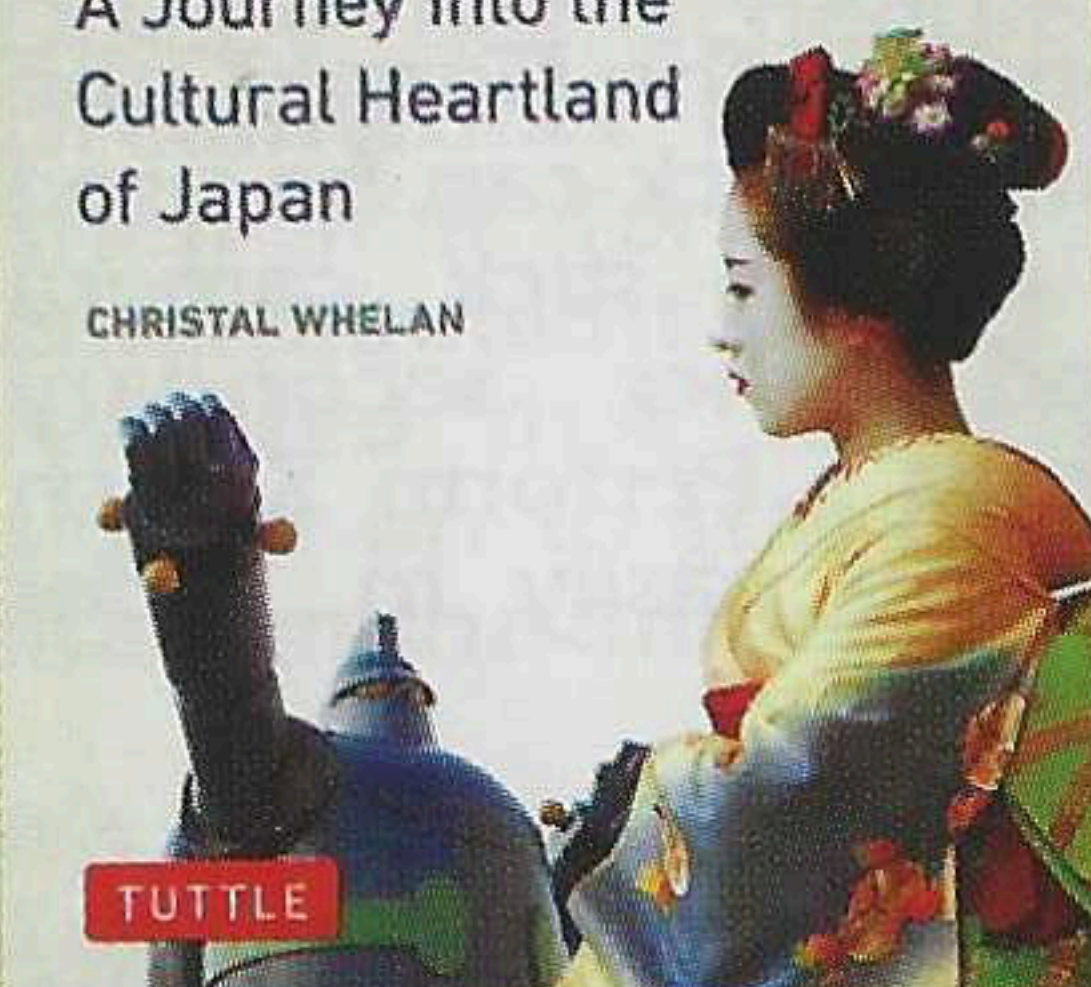


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A Journey Into the
Cultural Heartland
of Japan

CHRISTAL WHELAN



Anthropologist, writer and filmmaker Christal Whelan writes into the balance of old and new, traditional and modern that is present in the Japan of today.

In the southern-central region of Japan's main island is Kansai—Japan's "second region" after Tokyo—and is home to Japan's most traditional cultural centers and its most modern culture.

From the ancient beliefs of Kyoto to the contemporary otaku of manga, anime, costume play, robots and video games, readers will see how cultures collide in:

The needs of the spirit: Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples

The arts: dance, painting, anime and martial combat

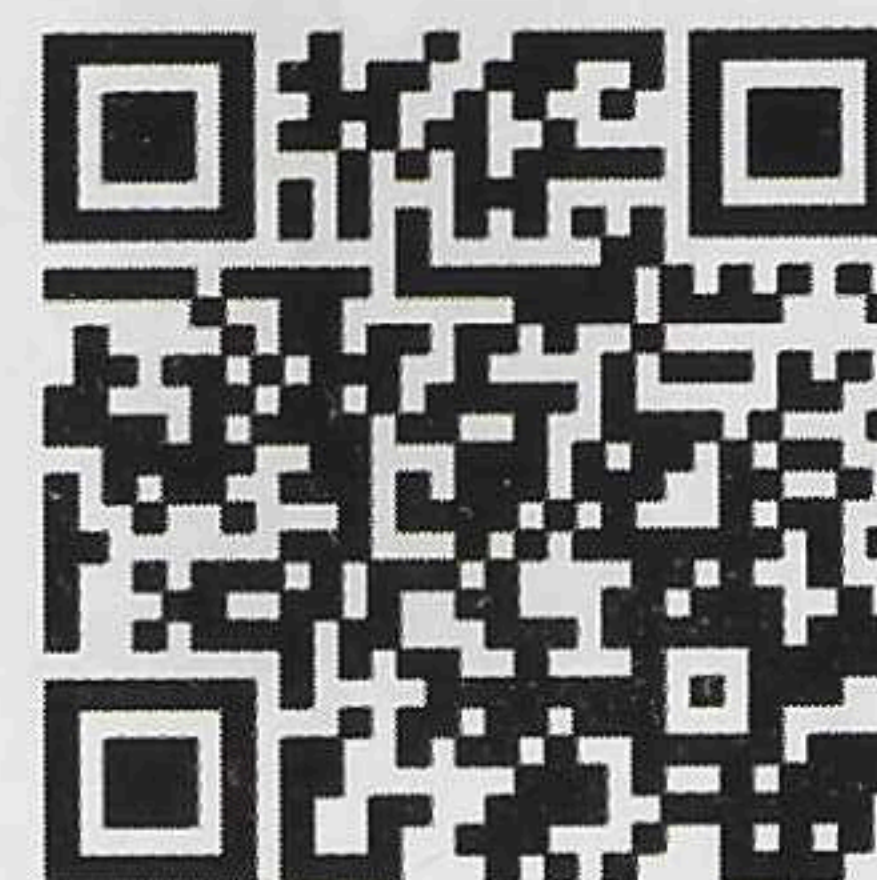
The relationship between hi-tech and old-tech: bikes and robots

Fashion trends: from exquisite kimonos to hip haute couture

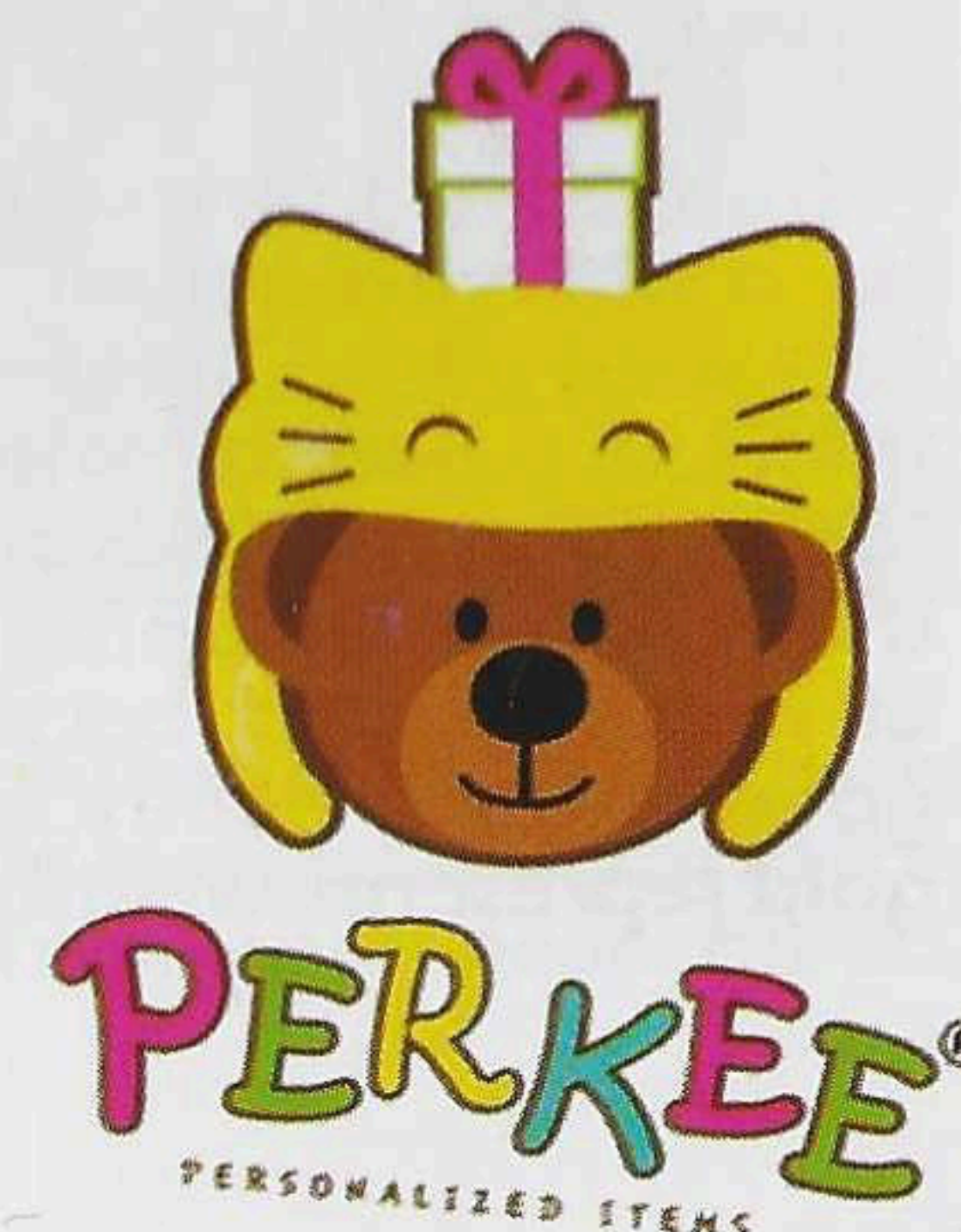
The meaning of landscape: man-made islands and the mystical power of water

Just like an otaku, we appreciate both the traditional and the modern face of Japan. Kansai is a place where we can see the coordination and melding of two unlikely ingredients. Here lies the cities of Kobe, Kyoto, Nara and Osaka. Osaka is the largest city in the region and home to many architectural wonders such as Abeno Harukas, the tallest skyscraper in Japan, and the Osaka castle.

No travelling required with this book.



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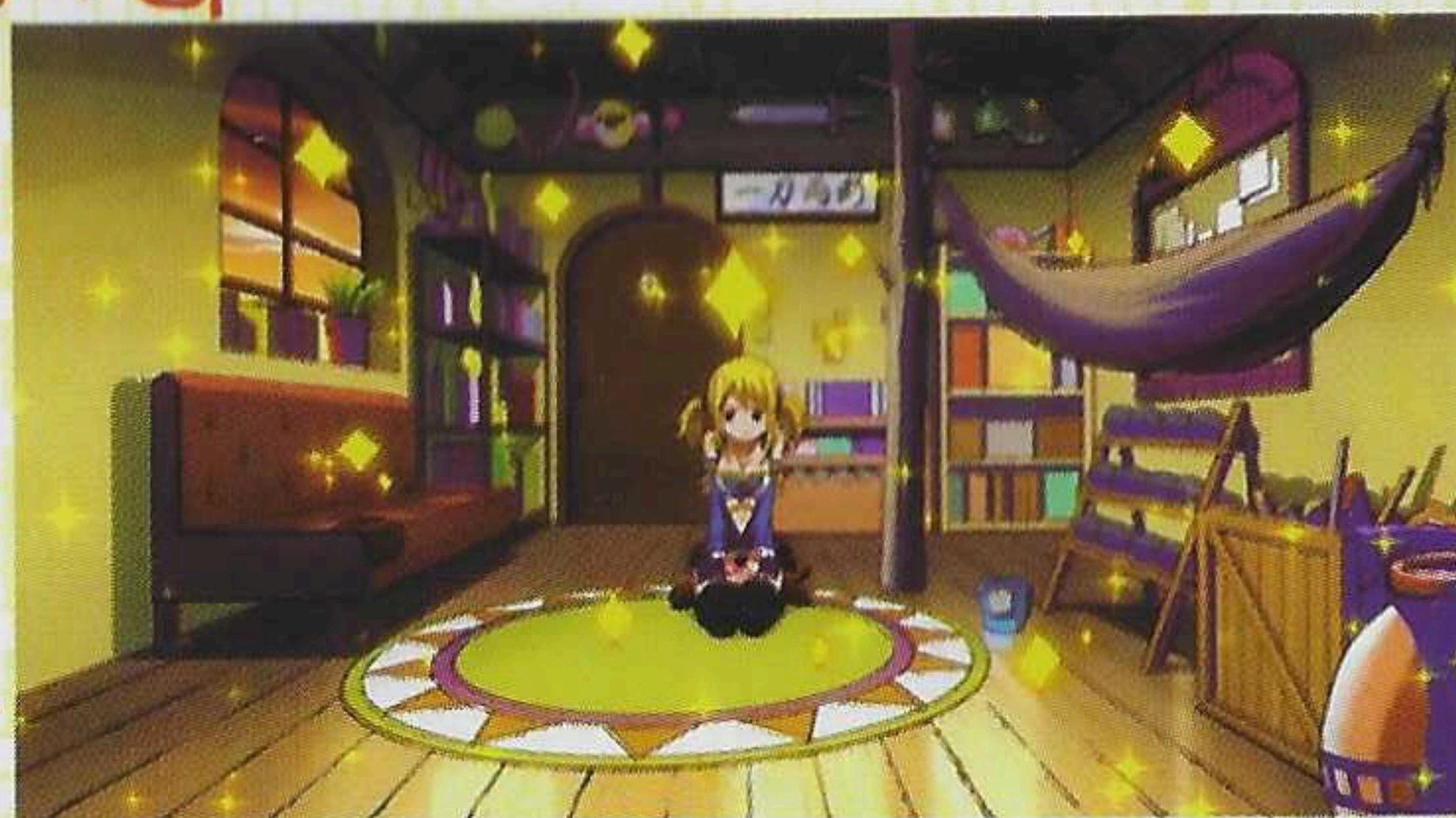
CHINESE NEW YEAR LUCKY AND HAPPY

New Year celebrations might end in January all over the rest of the world except for China (along with the Chinatowns all over the world). The Chinese community celebrates its traditional New Year celebrations according to the first day of the first lunar month based on the Chinese calendar. This year of the goat, we can share with some of its traditions that are quite familiar to its Asian neighbors.

GENERAL CLEANING

Most preparations for the celebration are made days and even months before the event because these actions are focused on taking away bad luck. Similar to the Japanese, the Chinese clean their houses to start the year with, literally and figuratively, a clean slate.

Your anime collections would want to be cleaned every now and then.



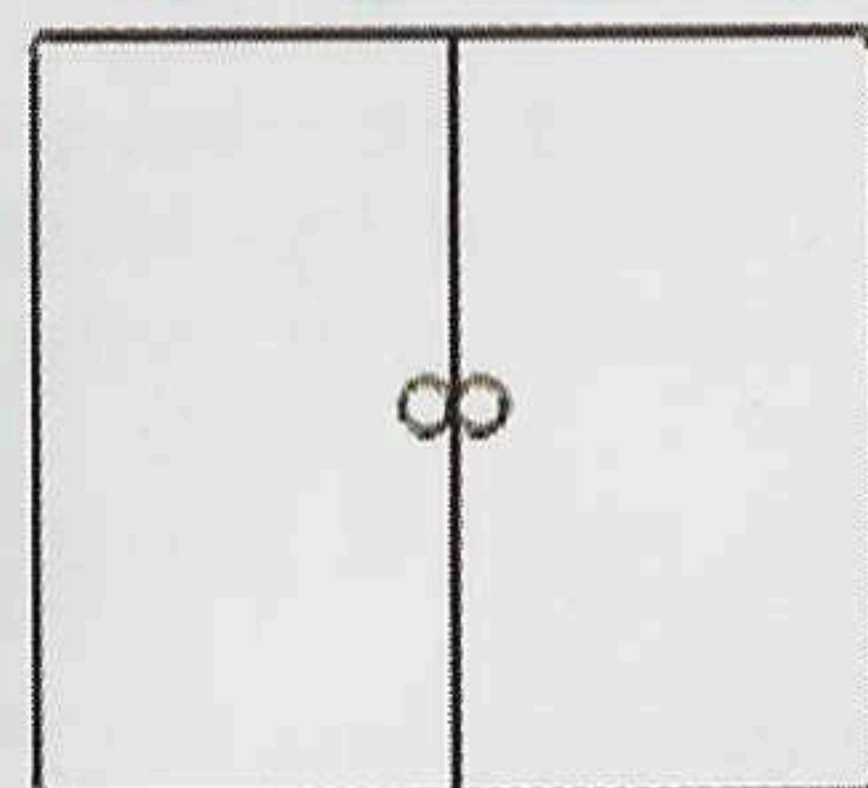
DECORATING HOUSES

When we see the red and gold colors flood the streets of Chinatown, we know that this special occasion is coming really soon. Banners with lucky Chinese characters called *chunlian* are hung in front of the houses to send uplifting messages.

Lucky plants and flowers are also used for decoration such as orange trees, bamboos, and cherry blossoms.

吉祥如意

五龙吐宝庆吉日



金凤含珠贺新年

SHOP

A traditional Chinese New Year will never be complete without the shopping as it has been a tradition for the Chinese to do their last minute shopping for clothes, food, gifts, and decorations. A common theme in the shopping list would be colors of red and gold because red represents good fortune, vitality, and happiness while gold represents wealth.



GET YOUR FORTUNES TOLD

For the Chinese, it's very important to consult a fortune teller to find out how lucky (or unlucky) they will be in the following year. This way, they can make preparations to combat bad luck.

PAY RESPECT TO ANCESTORS AND GODS AND GODDESSES

This is one of the highlights of the entire event in which the Chinese offer food and light up incense to pray to the spirits of the deceased as well as the gods that have brought them fortune. In fact, they also have beliefs that being one of the first people to light incense sticks in the temple can make one favored by the gods.



KEEP ALL SHARP OBJECTS AWAY

Knives and scissors should be kept away because they represent cutting of good luck.

Although, getting a new hair cut is considered lucky it should be done days before New Year.



GIVE GIFTS

It is also very common for the Chinese to give red envelopes or *hongbao* with money to children. As for other gifts, tea, alcohol, fruits, and sweets will do.

EAT AND BE NOISY

What's a feast without the food and the merriment? After all preparations are done, it's time to eat plenty of food with each dish bringing good luck for the entire family such as dumplings, tang yuan (sweet rice balls) and noodles.

Everyone is also encouraged to join the street parades as floats of dragons and lions as well as people in costumes dance to the loud beat of drums and fireworks.



After all is said and done, there are two very important things that everyone should keep in mind in any New Year celebration – one is to celebrate it with family and the other is to celebrate it as if your entire year will be just like it, happy and peaceful. So, to everyone, *gong xi fa cai!*



HOMEMADE MANGO ICE CREAM

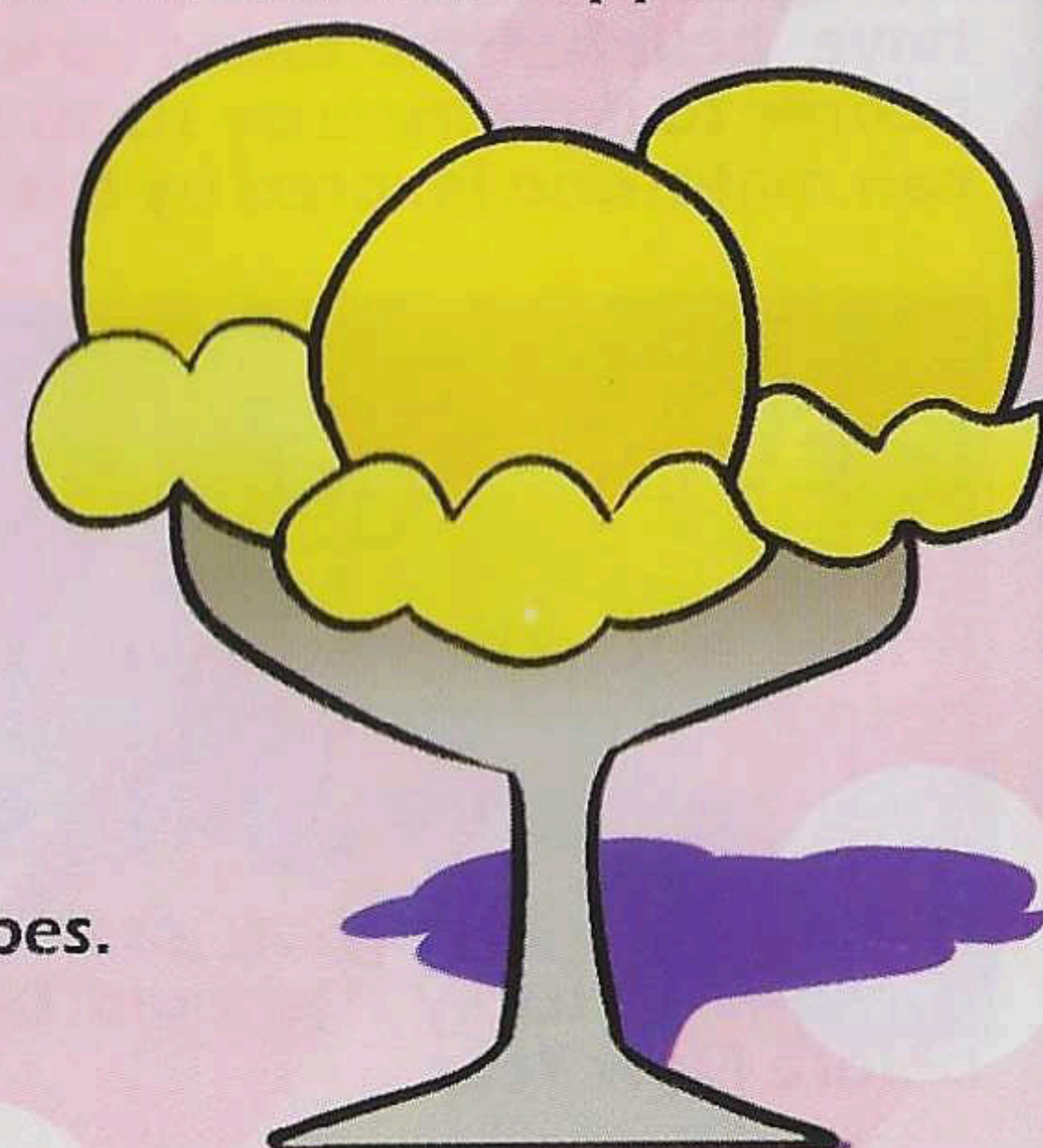
Summer is approaching and the weather gets warmer. After a day of school and work, we find out selves tired and wanted something to eat to refreshen ourselves. There are times that these refreshments ran out of stores due to its demand among people. We might want to try something to make in our homes incase this happens...

MATERIALS:

- mixing bowl
- electric beater
- blender
- plastic container

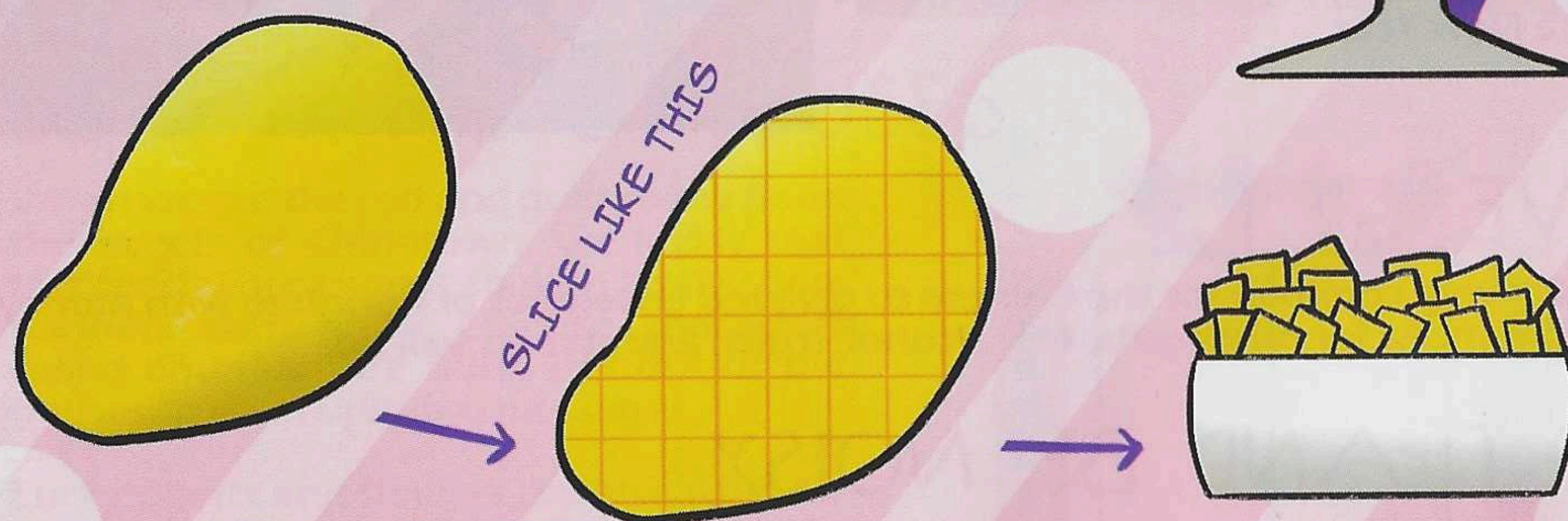
INGREDIENTS:

- Whipping Cream
- Fresh ripe mangoes
- Condensed milk

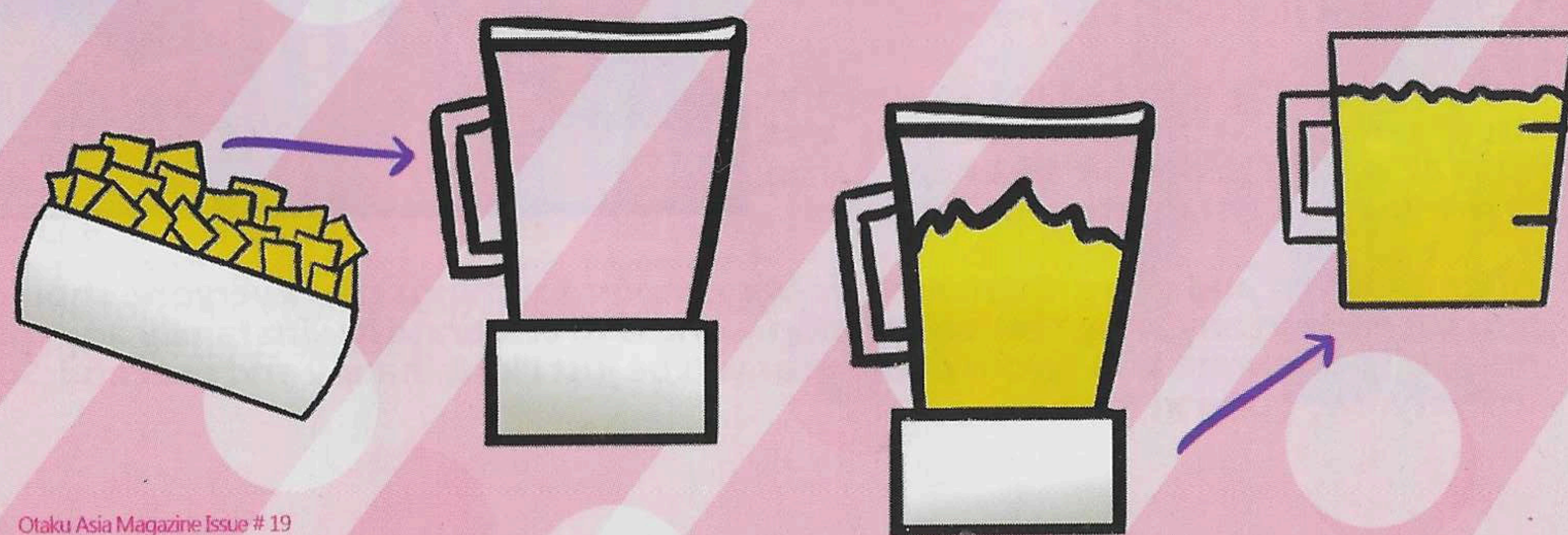


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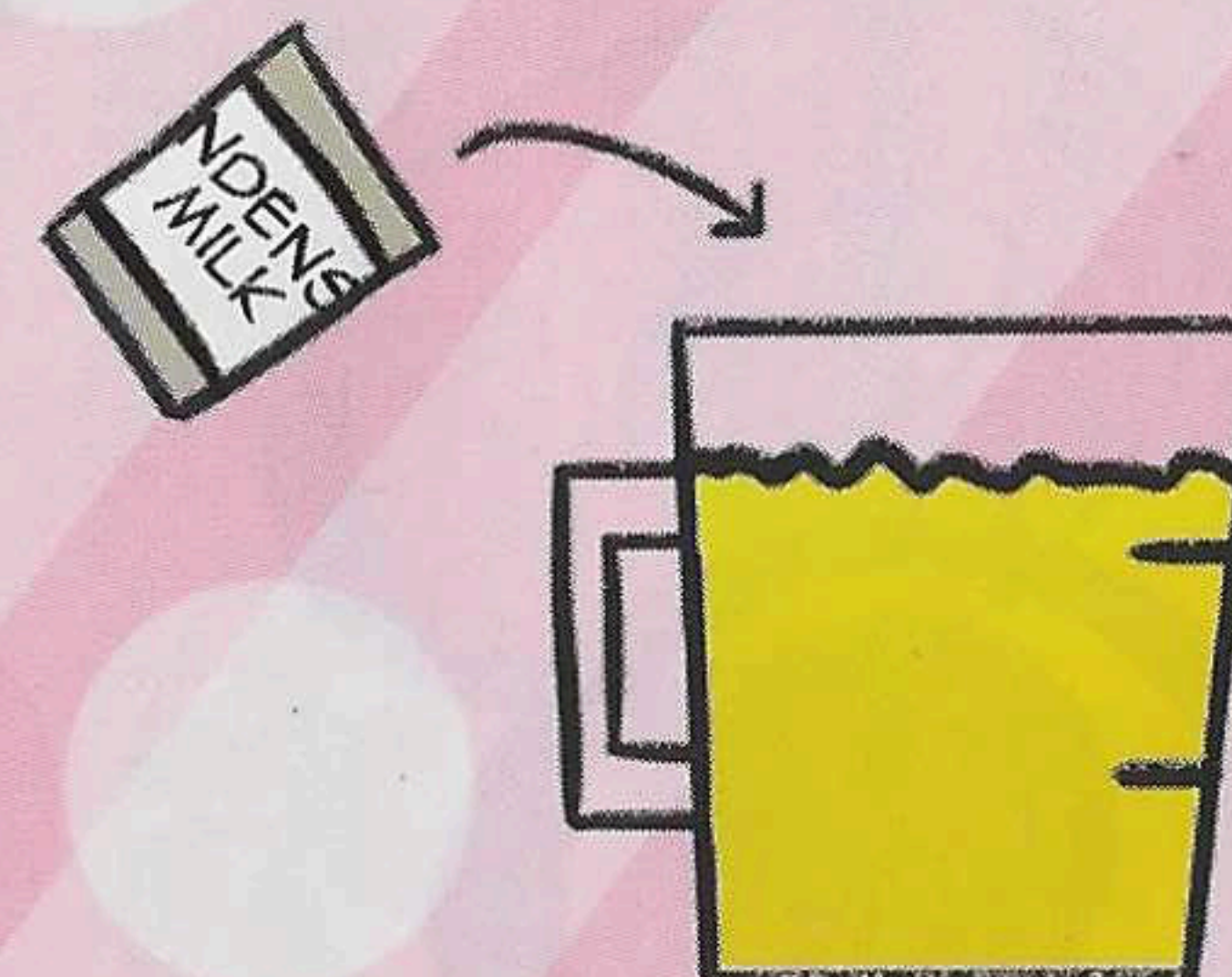
1. Peel off the skin of the mangoes then slice it into cubes.



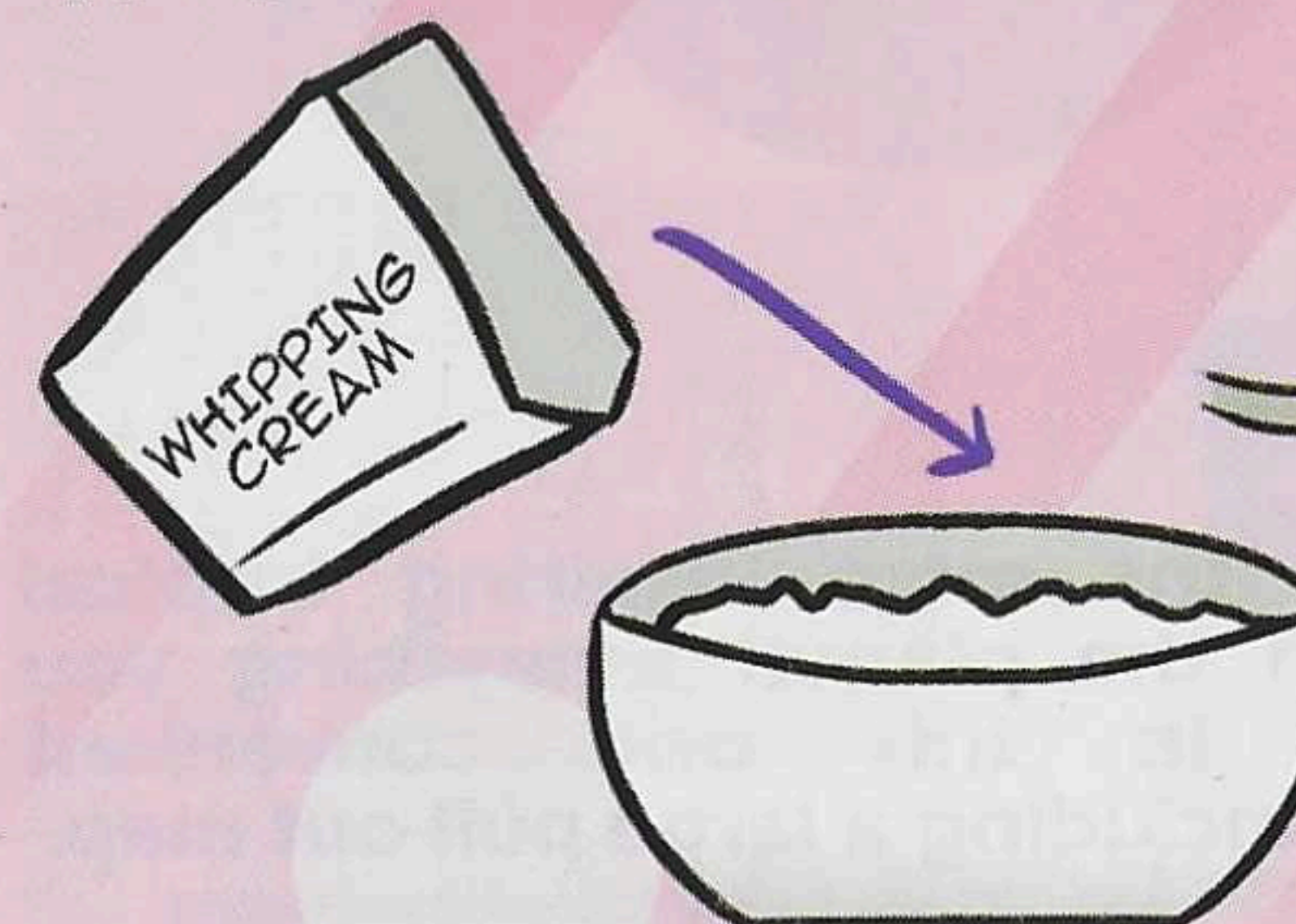
2. Blend the sliced mangoes into the blender. Place it into a measuring cup so that you will know that you reached 2 cups.



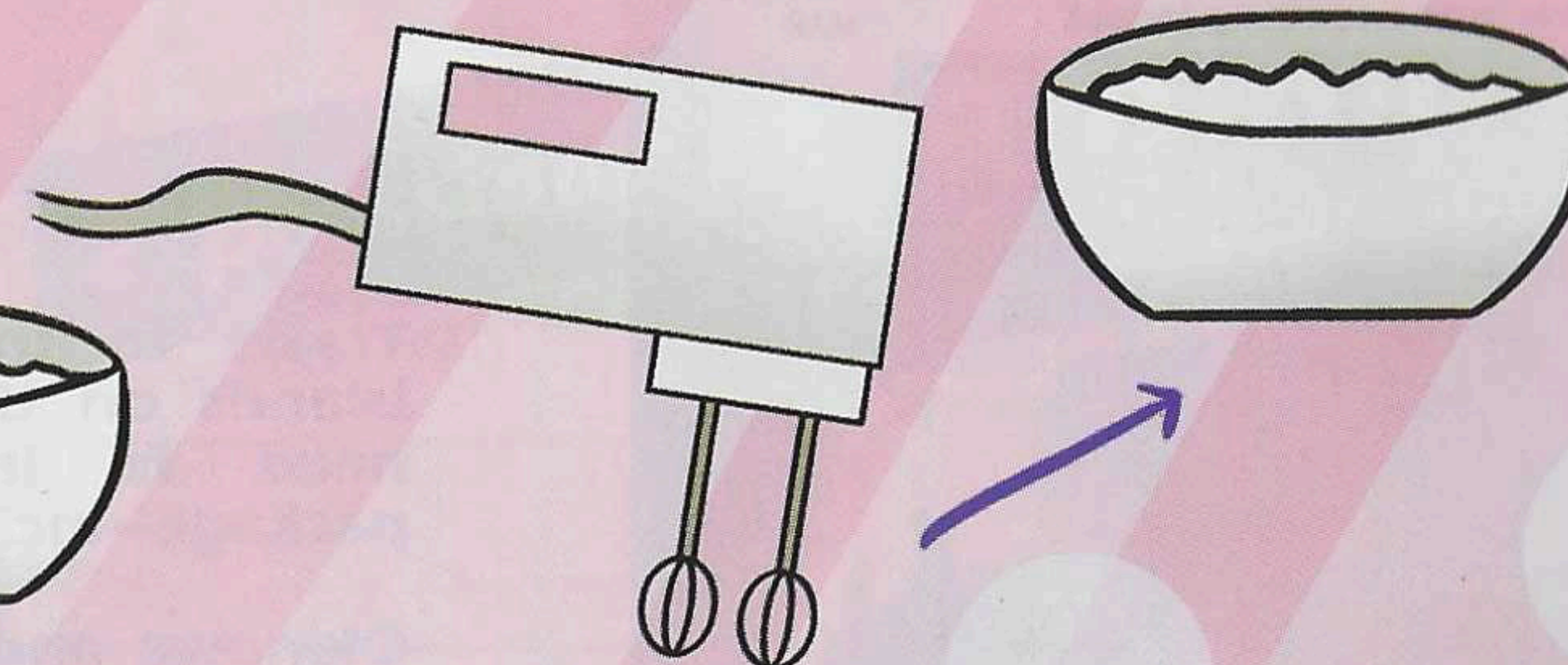
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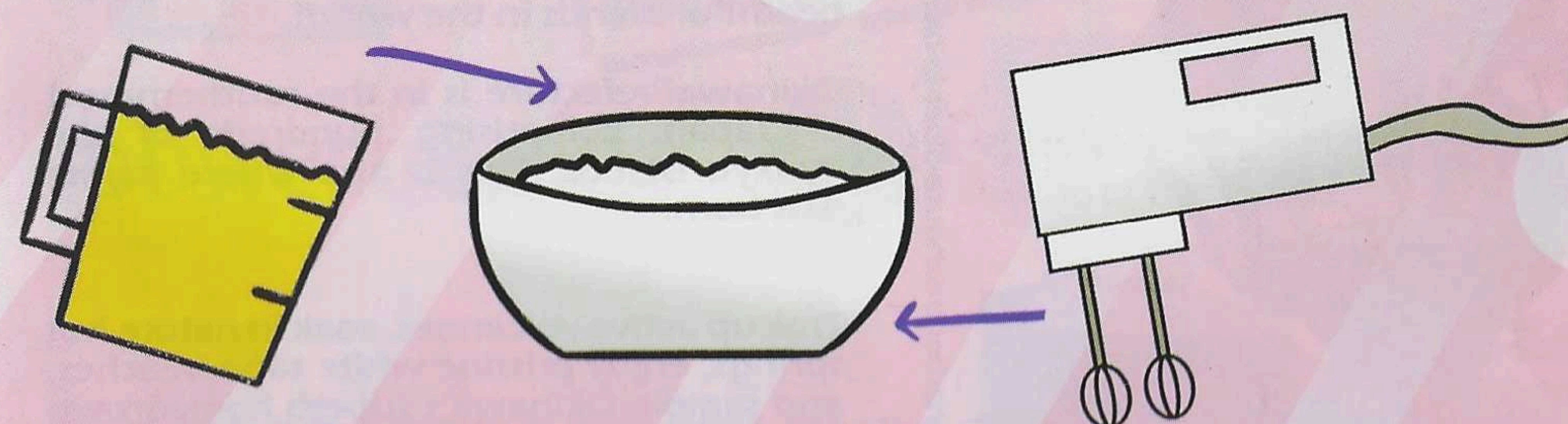
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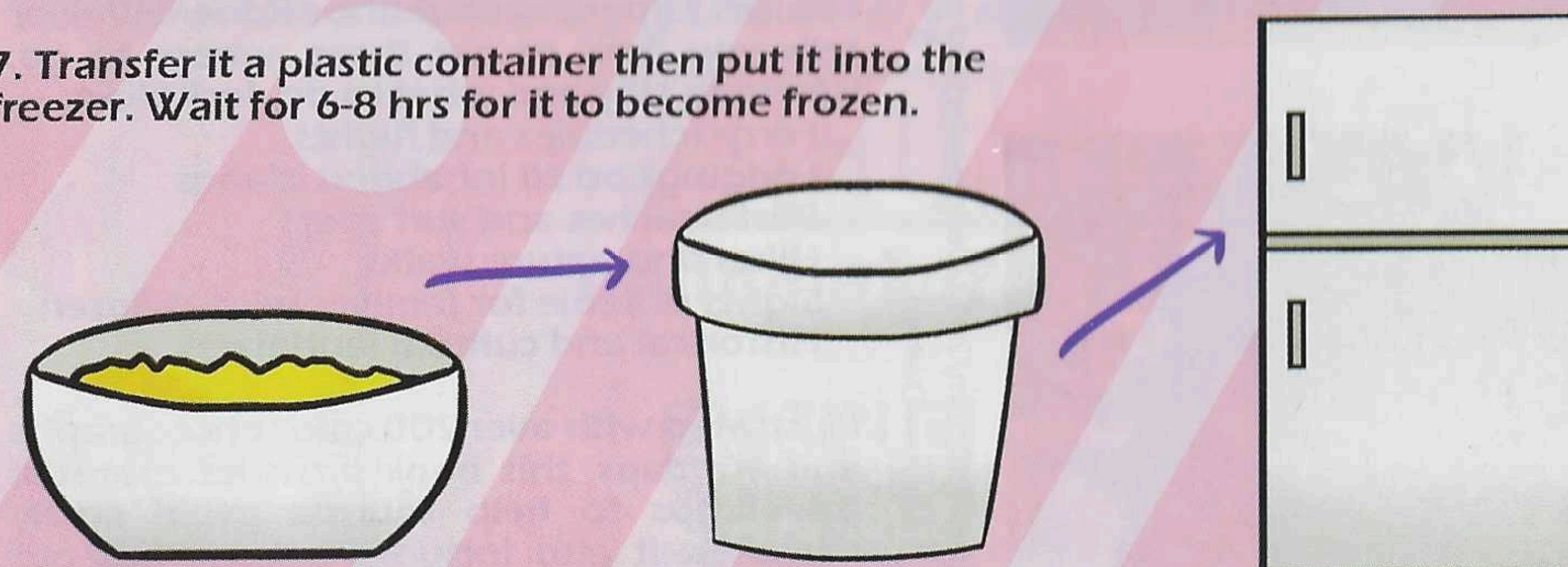
5. Beat it using electric beater. Beat it until it becomes thick.



6. Then add add the mango puree you've made earlier then beat it again.



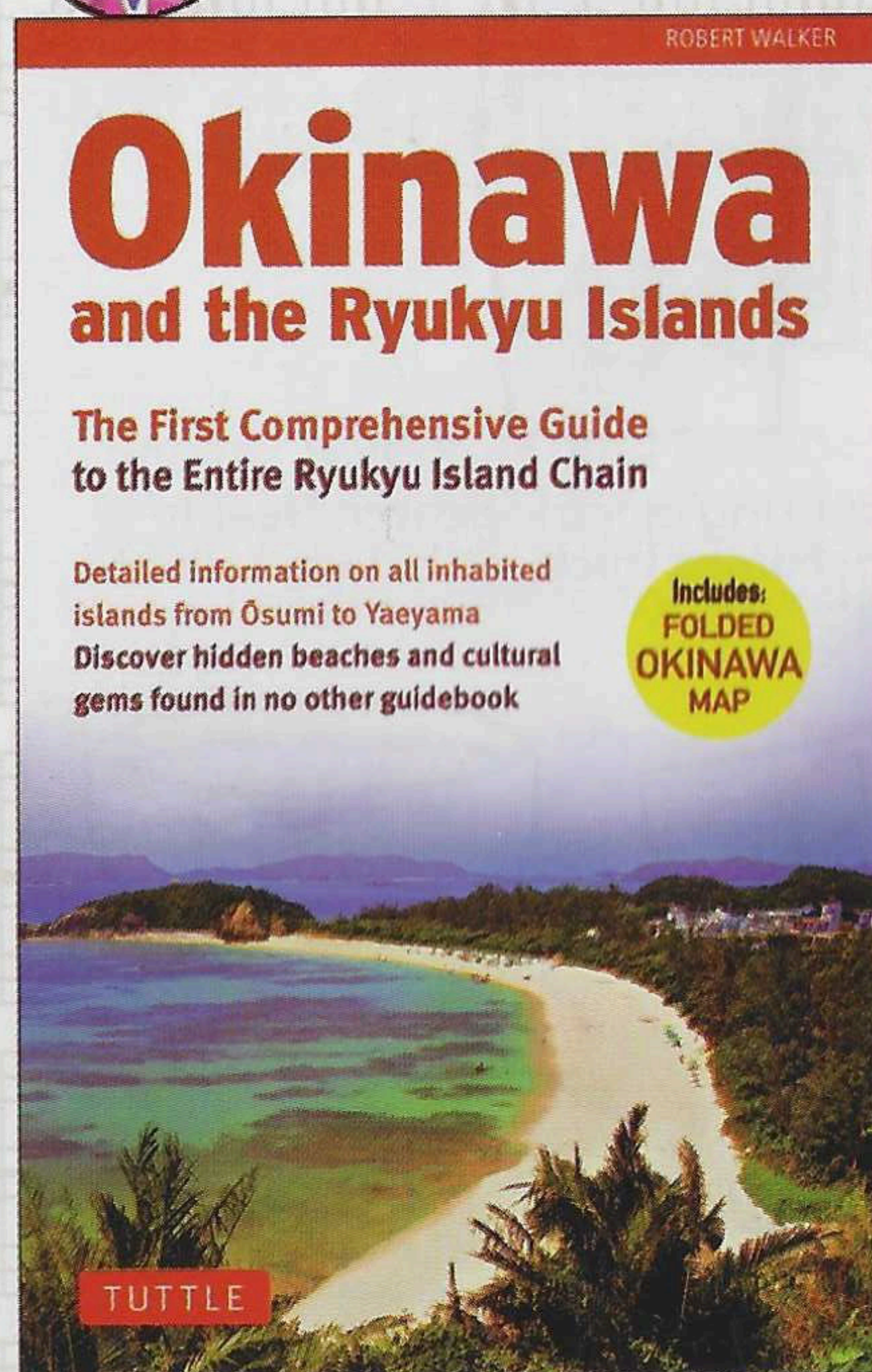
7. Transfer it a plastic container then put it into the freezer. Wait for 6-8 hrs for it to become frozen.



And there you go, a refreshment/dessert made by yourself. You don't need to go at stores just to buy one now that you know already how to make one.



HOOKED BOOK



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Travel to the most inspiring tropical islands on the planet! Everything you need is in this one convenient package—including a large pull-out map.

Okinawa and the Ryukyu Islands is the first comprehensive guide to the 150 sub-tropical island chain that stretches across 600 miles from Japan to Taiwan. These are some of the most stunningly beautiful islands in the world!

OkinawaPrefecture is in the southernmost of Japan, comprising hundreds of the Ryukyu Islands. This is also where karate was born.

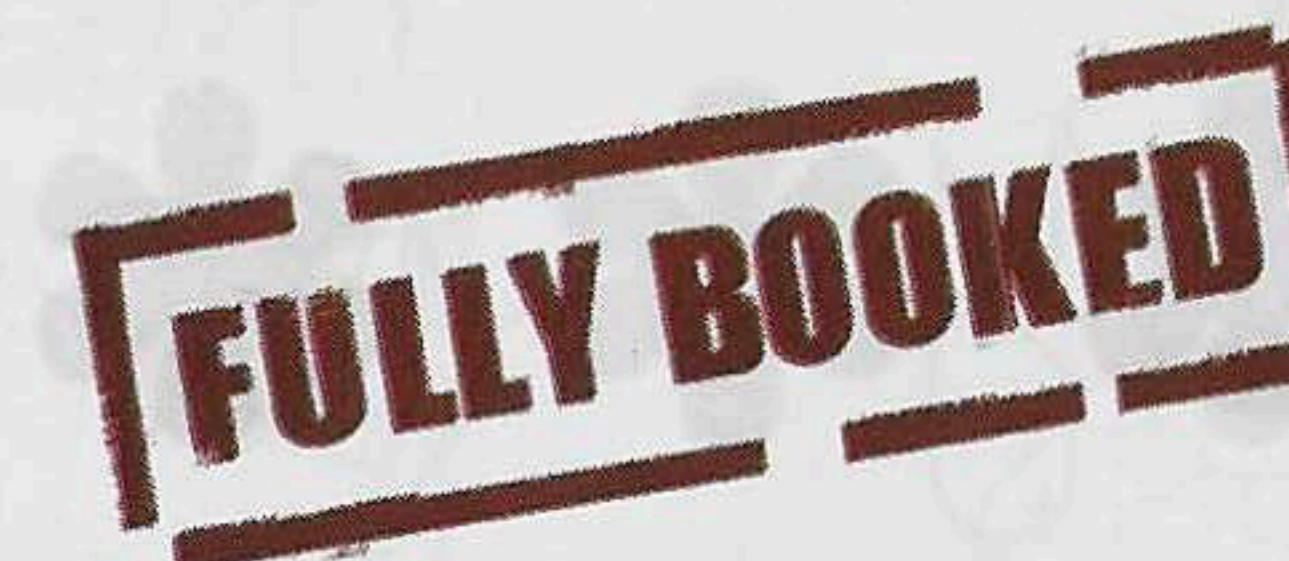
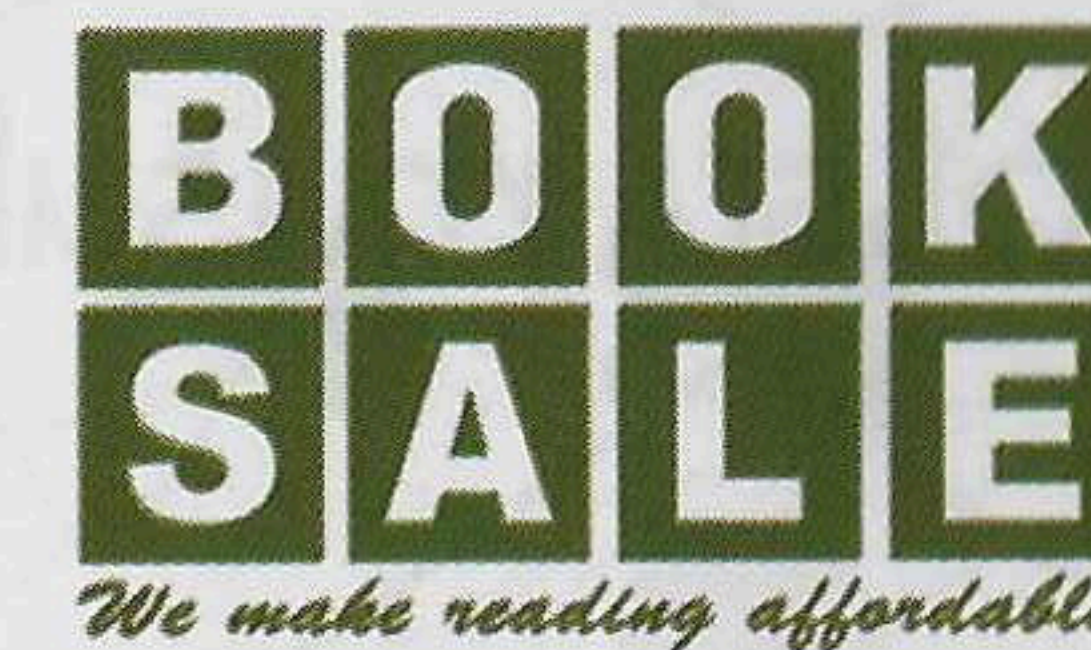
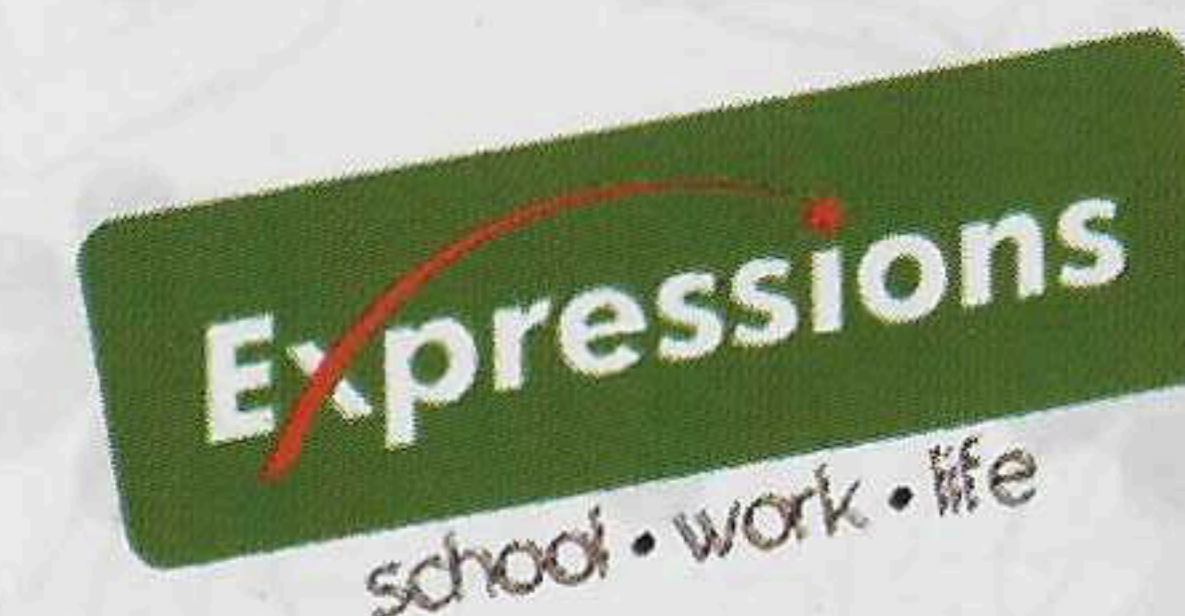
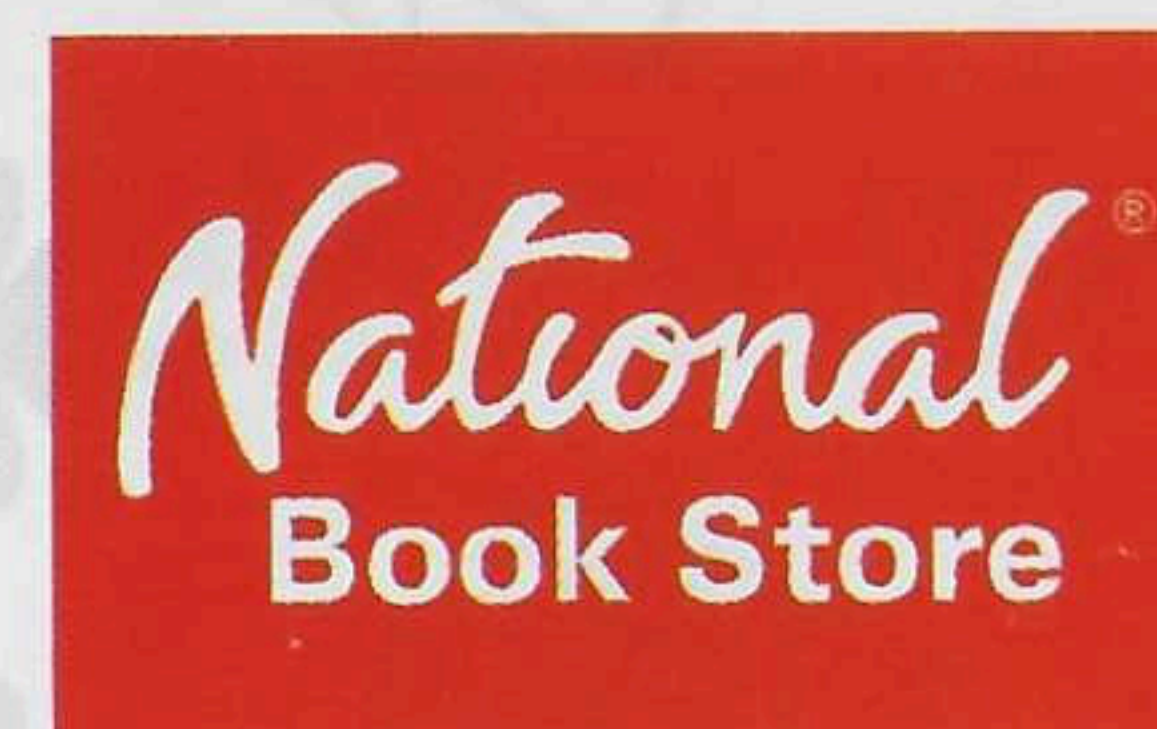
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Illustrated with over 200 color photographs and 40 maps, this book provides essential travel tips to help tourists avoid costly mistakes. It also includes a large fold-out map of Okinawa and the Ryukyu chain with insets for the major islands and cities.

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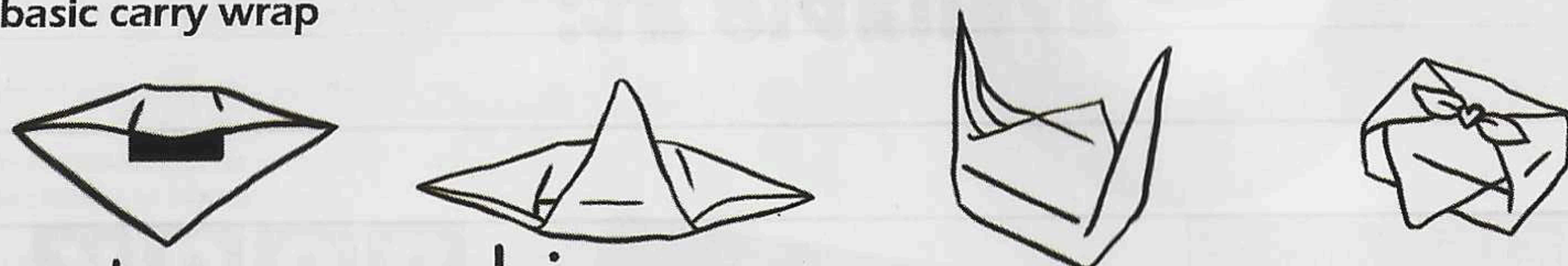


FUROSHIKI

Furoshiki is a type of traditional Japanese wrapping cloth used to transport clothes, gifts or other goods. It's a square cloth usually made of silk, cotton, rayon or nylon. The most common sizes are 45cm (17.7 inch) and 68-72 cm (26.7-28.3 inch).

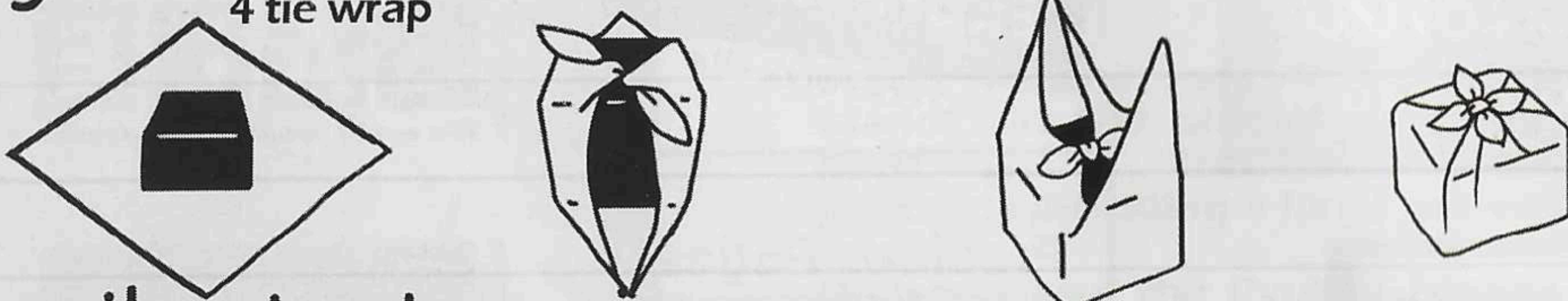
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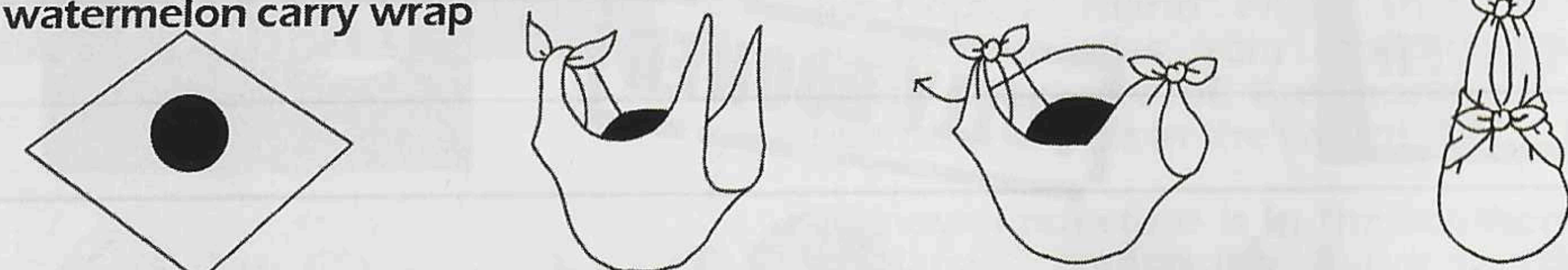
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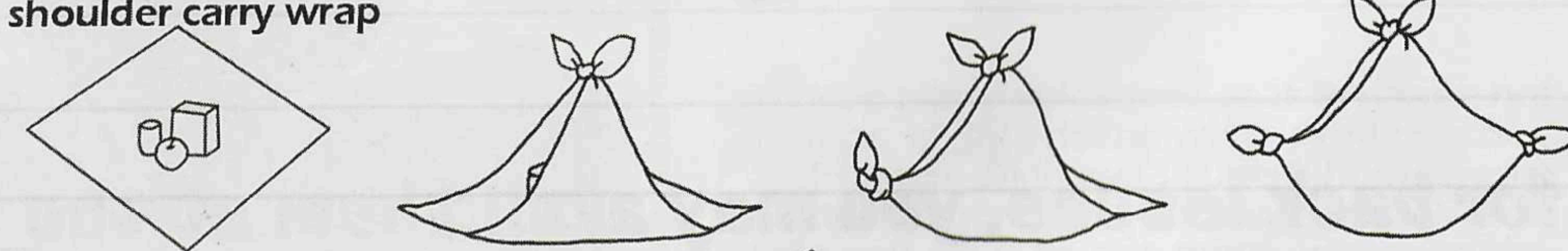
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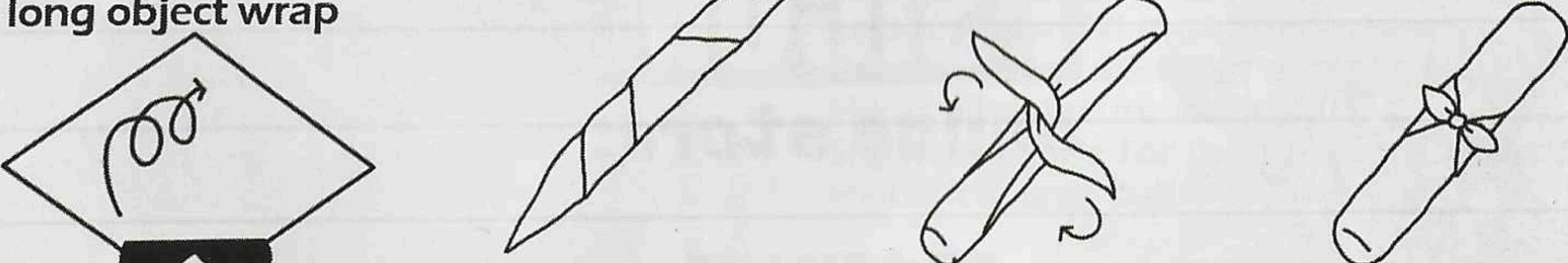
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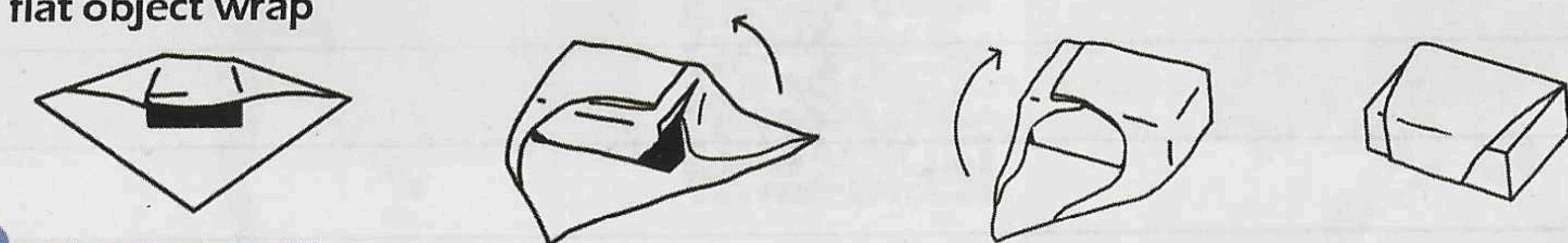
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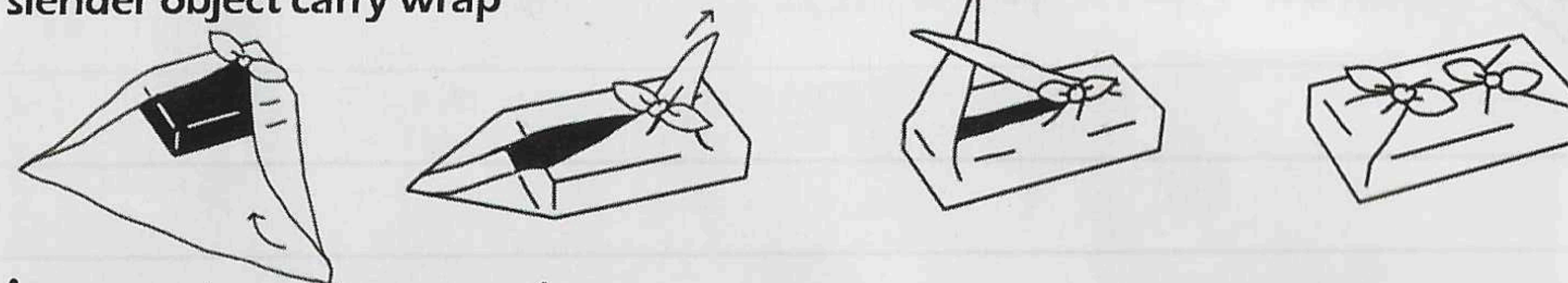
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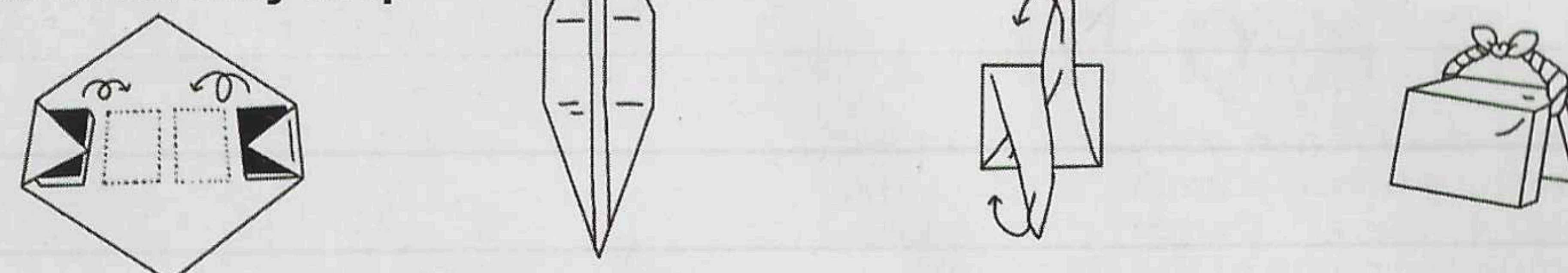
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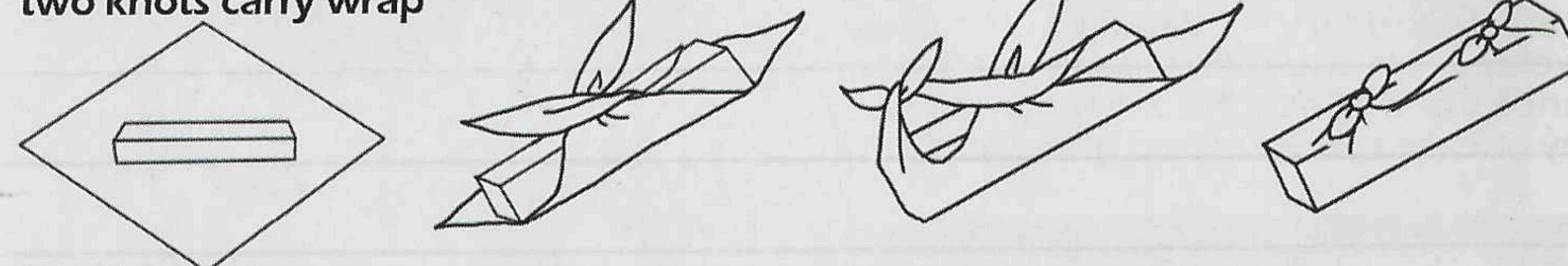
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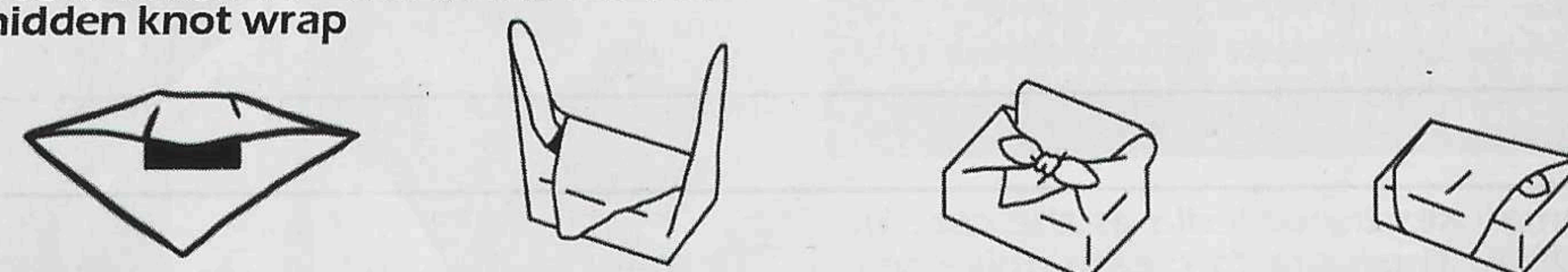
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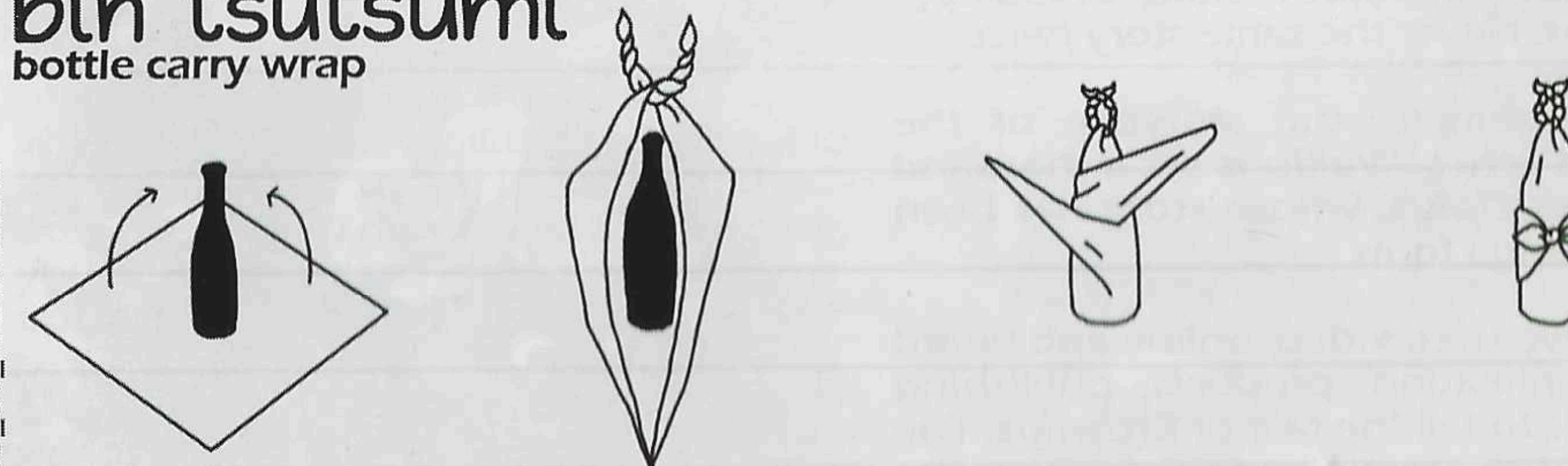
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These wraps could be very helpful for your valentines day and birthday gifts or even cosplay items, bento boxes and those late Christmas gifts. You only need a square fabric (hankerchief works too)!

We hope that these would be helpful to you.

If you have any suggestions for Otaku Life Hacks or if you have your own hack to share, send it to us at otakuasiaanimemag@gmail.com or visit our website, otakuasia.com for more articles!



HERE TO PLAY



ankama

Ankama is a French company, founded by Anthony Roux, Camille Chafer, and Emmanuel "Manu" Darras their names making up the name of the company.

Today we talk about the company and their subsidiary, Ankama Games, developer of their first game, Dofus as France's first MMORPG. After some years, they released their second game, WAKFU.

TRANSMEDIA is the use of multiple media forms to tell a narrative. Each platform is used to add something new to the story, such as a different perspective or background stories.

Ankama uses transmedia as the core of their DNA. They aim to create universes, tell stories on multiple medias for multiple audiences. Never the same story twice.

As an example, the storyline of the animated series, Wakfu is set a thousand years after Dofus, whose story has been told in manga form.

They have used video, online and board games, animation, products, publishing and music to tell the tale of Krosmoz: The universe; the cosmic egg borne from the dance of the two energies, Wakfu and Stasis and the love of the Great Dragon for the Goddess.

Head on to [http:// www.krosmoz.com!](http://www.krosmoz.com!)

Lately in 2012, Ankama released Fly'n, a 2D puzzle PC game full of quirky characters like the antagonist, Dyer, a cosmic garbage man. Set in a whole new different world, the game is available on Steam.



Ankama Games in the Philippines

Ankama Games from France recently branched out to Asia Pacific and hence, the Philippines!

Into the world of Twelve, where everything depends on you! Choose from the 16 unique classes and harness your abilities your own way based on the way you play. No two characters are alike!

It also has a turn-based tactical combat. Strategize with your teammates to defeat the insidious creatures. You also get to rebuild the world your way, be a normal citizen or occupy a governmental post, it's all up to you!

The world is in your hands: exploit your resources, create guilds, create alliances with other nations, go on quests. Wakfu is a game where all these are possible! And it's now in the Philippines!



Krosmaster is a figurine game in three different medias: arena, online game and the board game. The figures, available separately or in packs are plastic figurines that you can play with wherever, whenever!

Krosmaster Arena is the first expansion of Dofus and Wakfu. Here, your real figure has an equivalent virtual figure you can play with against opponents around the world! The figures' abilities are available in the character sheets included in the box. Even if you don't have a real figure, you get a "standard" Krosmaster figures upon logging in.

The online game is much challenging since everyone wants a place in the leaderboard. Here you can earn Kroz, a unique currency used to buy special items in-game!

Figures come in blind boxes and they include one element bonus. These are used in the board game that you can play with your family and friends!

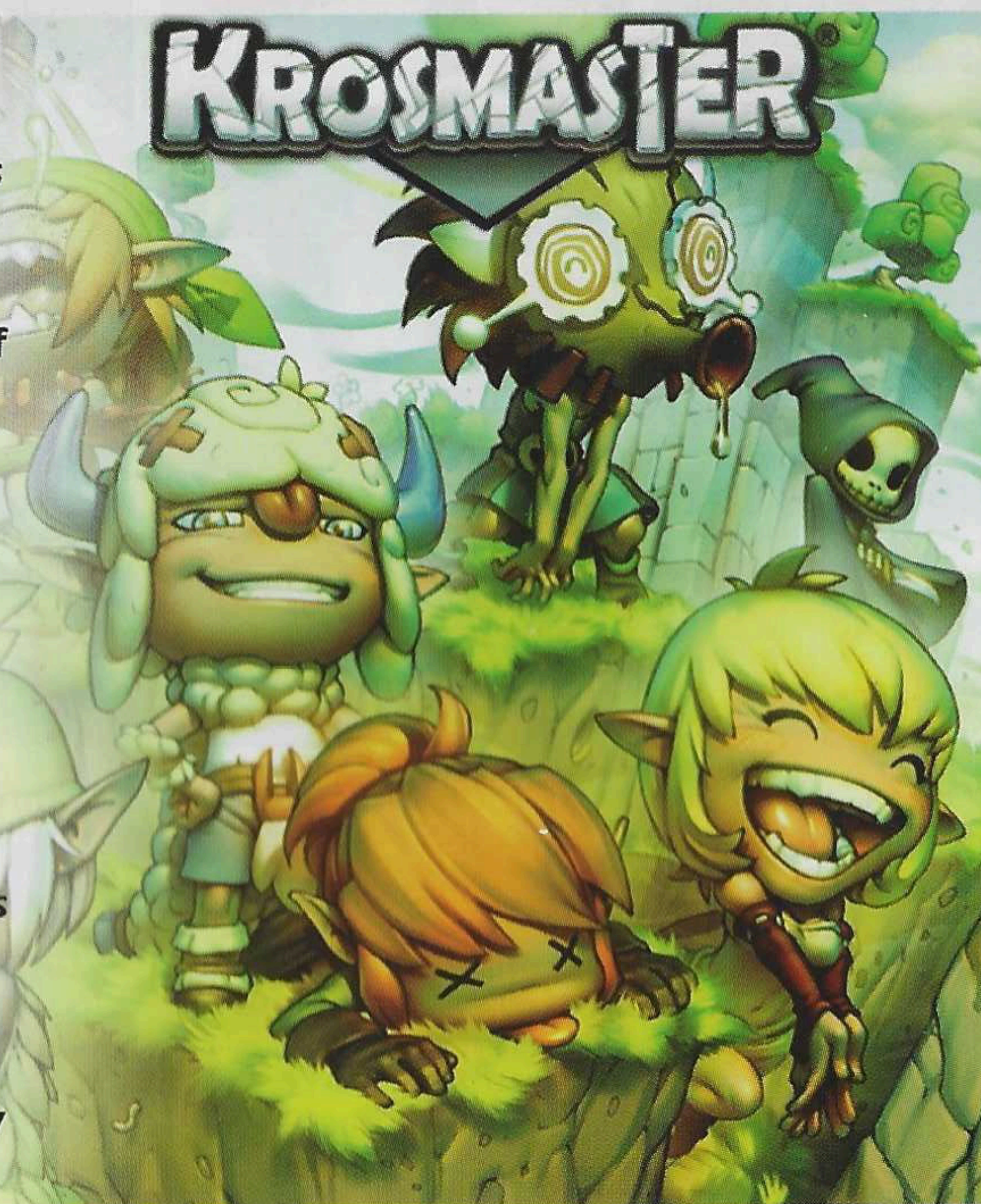
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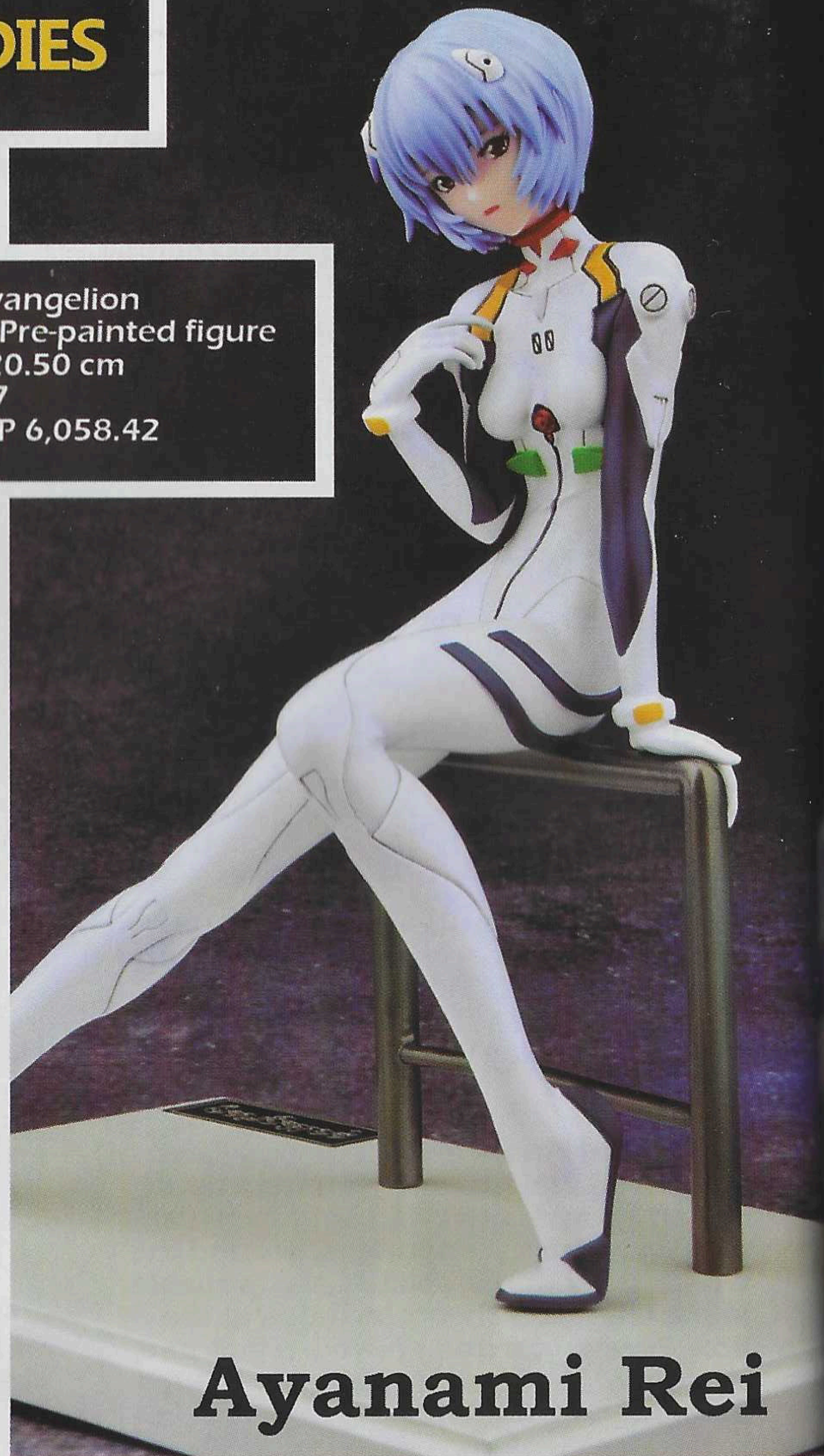
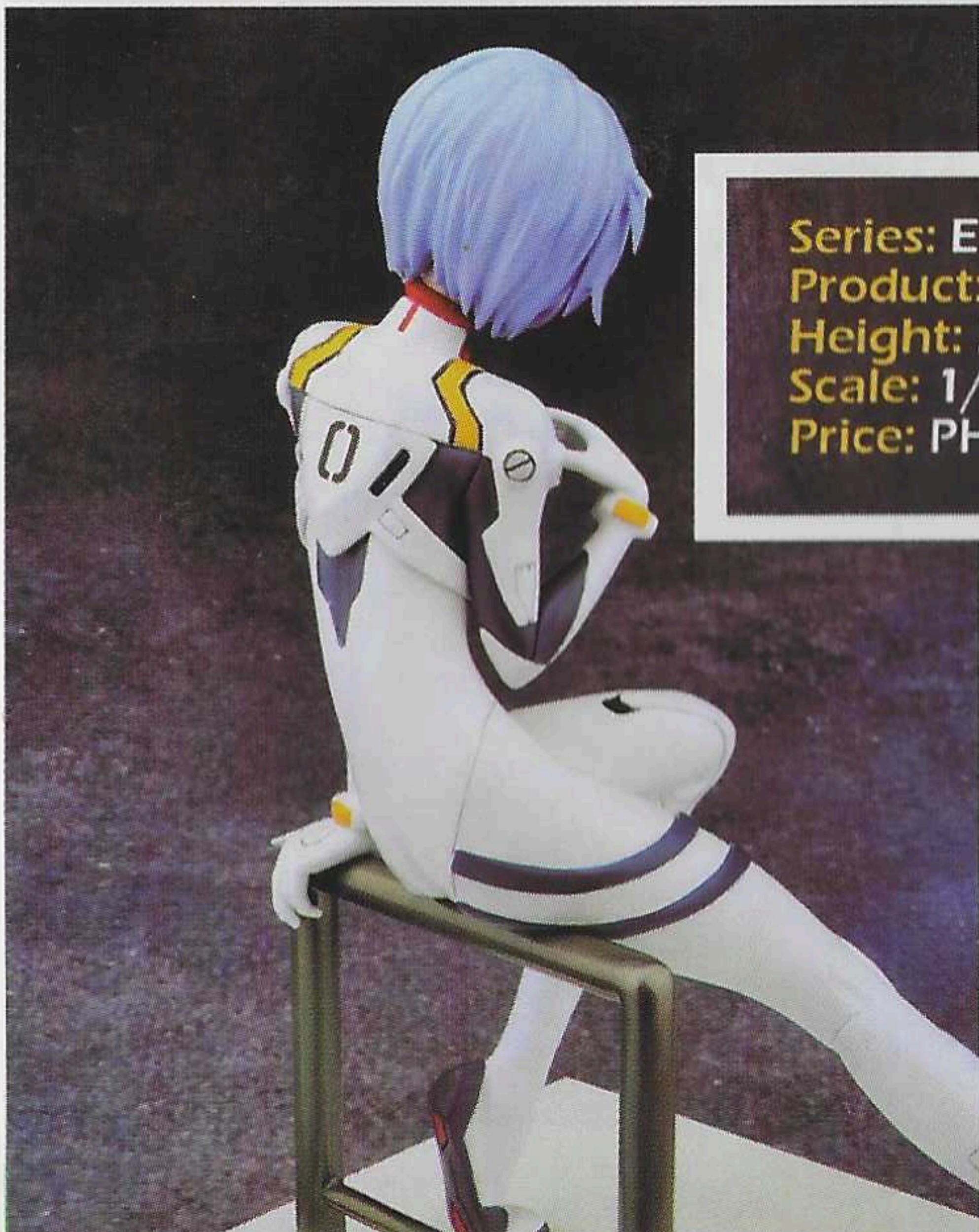
KROSMASTER





OTAKUGOODIES

Series: Evangelion
Product: Pre-painted figure
Height: 20.50 cm
Scale: 1/7
Price: PHP 6,058.42



Ayanami Rei

Our favourite Evangelion Unit-00 pilot comes to us in a very stoic and mysterious figure from E2046. Rei Ayanami is in her plug suit sitting on a metal bar. Her face is ever expressionless and almost sad.

3/5 Sculpting – Her suit and pose are fine and detailed however, her face and hair are not polished and did not look like Rei from the anime classic. Her breasts are sagging as if her suit was cloth rather than armor.

4/5 Paint – Rei's suit is mostly white and they really did a good job painting the blue parts metallic. However the lining for the panels of suit are too thick and messy.

5/5 Packaging – No assembly since she comes in one piece ready to grace your tabletop.

4/5 Value – It's a keeper for Evangelion fans.

E2046 has a GK version of this. You'd be the one to assemble and paint the figure for yourself! <http://www.e2046.com/product/21444>



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CHRISTMAS TOYS & COLLECTIBLES FAIR 2014

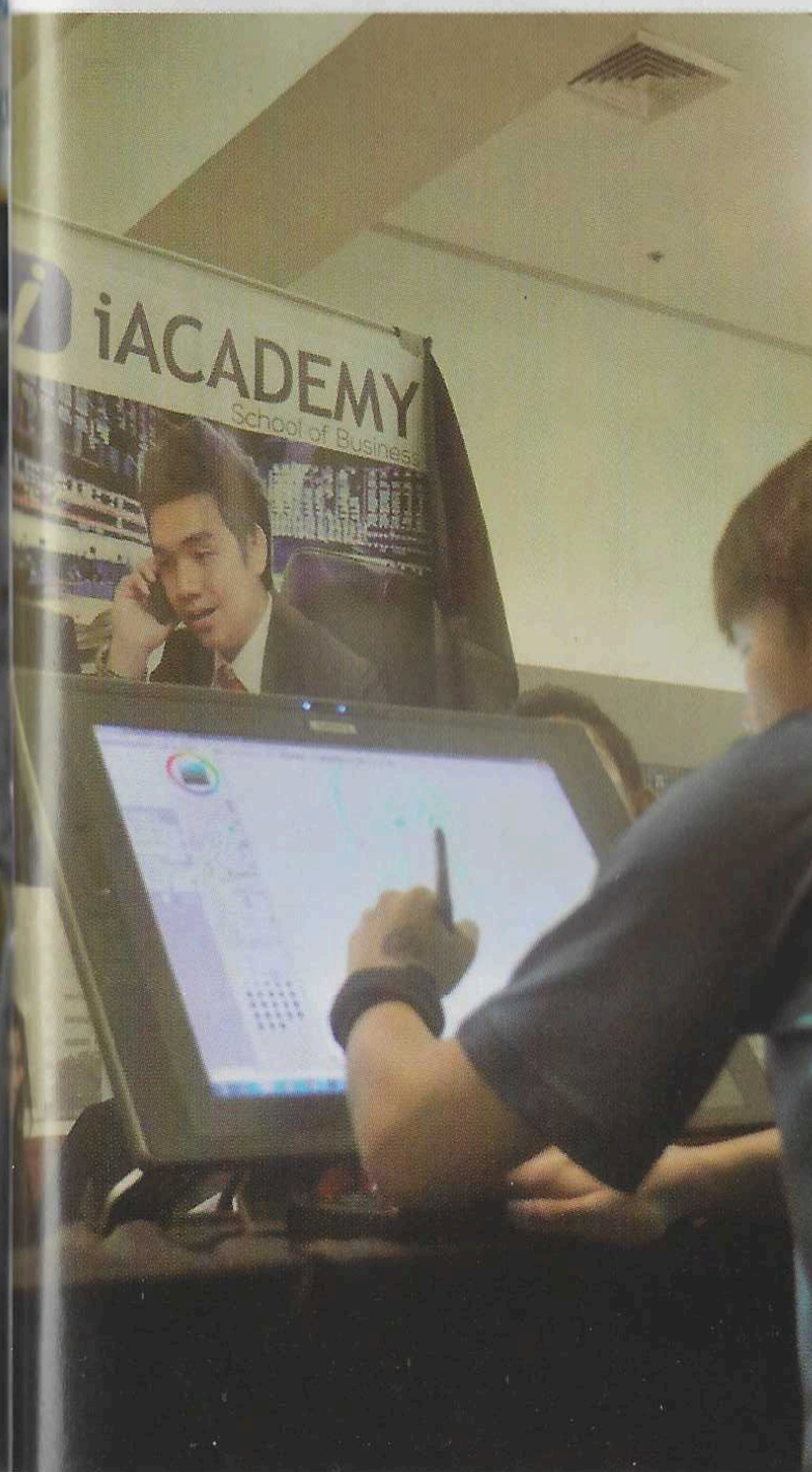
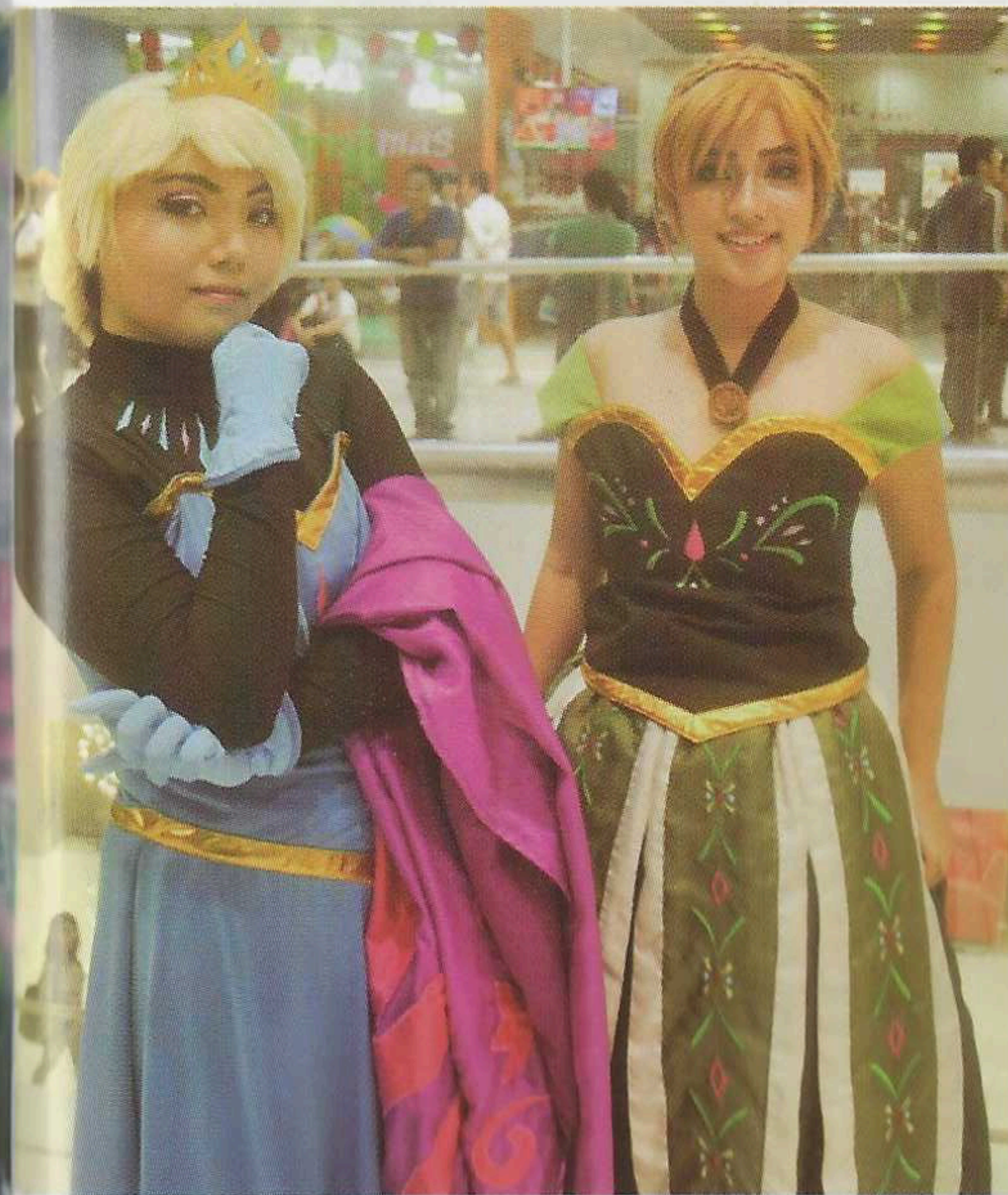
The three-day event that we all waited for: Asian Comics Toys & Hobbies Collective Inc. along with SM Megamall and Megatrade Hall present the Christmas Toys & Collectibles Fair 2014 or ToyFair!

Only taking up one hall, the event successfully welcomed guests of all kinds: toy collectors, otakus, artists, photographers and cosplayers alike.

The latest addition to the ToyFair family is the participation of Micari's AnimeShoppe. Known for their anime merchandise and AR cards, the shop held several giveaways, raffles and charity events.

Another notable sponsor is Arigatoys Collectibles who brought life size Funko Pop of well known characters like Jon Snow, Tyrion Lannister, Maleficent and Rocket Raccoon. They were also selling ArigaPOP! Bags for Php 995 get 3 random Funko Pops. First 50 in line will get exclusives!

Don't feel bad if you did not get to go to the event, ToyCon has announced to be held on June 19-20-21, SM Megatrade halls. See you then!





The University of the Philippines is known for being one of the best schools and having the biggest campus in the country. But in the country's otaku scene, the Philippines' most recognized state university is renowned for its org AME – Anime and Manga Enthusiasts guild. AME, along with its allied local Japanese pop subculture groups, annually launch a big convention. It usually happens around December, and this year is no exception. Because last December 13 and 14, at the East Pavilion of the World Trade Center, everything was fair at the UP AME Fair X.

Despite being on its tenth year, the UP AME Fair remains faithful to its roots – anime, manga, and gaming, and Japanese culture. Aside from the many booths that sell otaku merchandise, there were a lot of famous and esteemed guest specialty exhibitors. ManikaManila, a circle of ball-jointed doll collectors, displayed their colorful and lifelike possessions. Geisha's Blade, present-day mastersmiths who presented their finest katana as well as other swords, including those that were fashioned in resemblance to the weapons of popular anime and manga characters, such as Raiden's blade from Metal Gear Rising: Revengeance, and the Sakabatou of Samurai X's Kenshin Himura, just to name a few. Fashion designer Cyrille Lumboy, more popularly known as DollDelight, was also there and featured her irresistibly cute Lolita fashion dresses, which were worn by equally cute models.



Gamers also had a blast during the event. For just five pesos, attendees can play fighting games for the PS3. Titles included were Persona 4 Arena Ultimax, Guilty Gear XRD, Tekken Tag Team 2, Soul Calibur V, and Gundam. And for Pokemon masters, PKMN-ph, the biggest group of Pokemon players in the country, held a Pokemon battle tournament for Pokemon Omega Ruby and Alpha Sapphire players. And for those who are into mobile gaming,

Of course, a convention is never complete without anime OSTs. Fortunately, the event was rife with not only the soundtrack of beloved anime titles, but also of cover bands that played on and on until dark.

Last but definitely not least would be the cosplay competition. For the winner of the contest, there was a surprisingly pleasant twist – he or she could either choose between Php3000 in cash and other goodies, or a replica of the Excalibur of Fate series' Servant Saber. Though there were only a few who joined in, all the competitors had impressive costumes and skits, giving the audience the feeling that they're actually seeing well-known anime, movie, and game characters in the flesh.

However, it's not a cosplay show, but a competition, so there had to be winners. Mecha cosplayer RB Cheng bagged third place with his towering King Gojulas, and Christian Umali got second place with his awesome War Machine.





VINCENT AUSTRIA

Have you encountered a No Face cosplayer who gives chocolates during conventions?

Among the cosplayers who cosplayed No Face, Vincent stood out not only because of the chocolates that he gives to everyone but also the accuracy and the stature of his costume.

When and why do you cosplay?
When there is a convention and I have the time and stamina to stay inside an uber hot costume. Sometimes I cosplay at work during Halloween.

What was the first convention you have attended?
Toycon 2011 is my official. But I've been going to book signings, booklaunches and comic conventions since 2007

Photographer: Marinel Marcelo

Photos courtesy of their respective photographers: Marinel Marcelo & Alec Egido



Photographer: Marinel Marcelo
Chihiro cosplayer: Wynona Cabrera

What made you decide to cosplay No face?

My friend Meiji wanted to cosplay Chihiro so I researched on the character and found out that I would just need to stand there and say nothing. The more I learned about the character the more I loved him and the more I see parallels between him and me.

What other characters have you cosplayed aside from No Face?

I had a Snorlax Gijinka and Oogie Boogie oh and Christmas Noface :P

Did you make your costume or have it commissioned with a shop?

It was made by my dad, he made it because he found out that a mask I had commissioned was not up to par. I gave him descriptions and I think he watched the movie behind my back too :P



Photographer: Alec Egido
Chihiro cosplayer: Meiji Purin



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Chihiro cosplayer: Meiji Purin

How do you balance work and cosplay?

Coffee and lots of it XD. Oh and I learned how to sleep or rest while inside the Noface costume.

Would you like to share your future cosplay plan/s?

I have lots of plans I want to do Baymax and JR from RWBY (hence the beard), Guts from Berserk (dream cosplay) WitchKing, LitchKing and Nemesis from RE3

Shoutout to cosplay community: Do not cosplay just because it is popular, cosplay because it makes other people happy.

Check out more of Vincent's cosplay gallery!



THE SWORD MASTER

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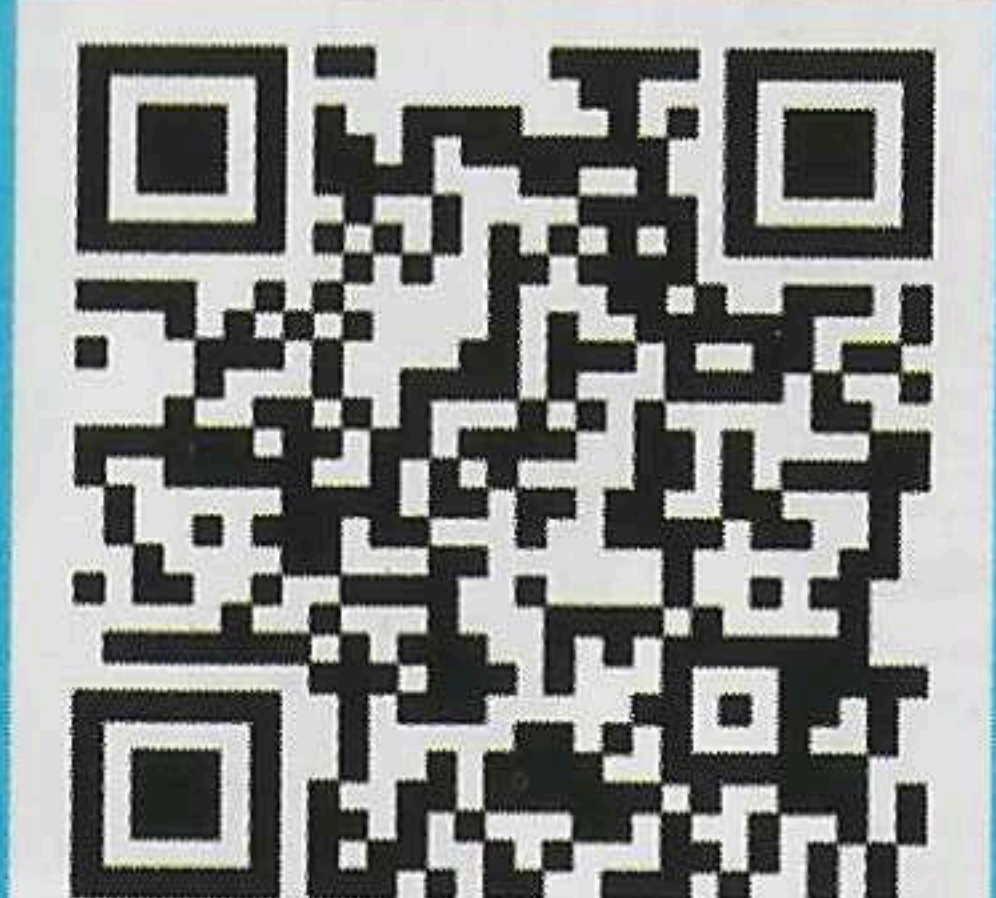


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Junko Takeuchi



Lending her voice to:
Uzumaki Naruto, Lambo, Gon Freecs, Maka Albarn,
Metabee, Takuya Kanbara and many others.



Junko Takeuchi is a name that resounds in the voice acting business in Japan as she is the voice behind the very famous male anime character, Naruto Uzumaki. However, she is also part of the success of many anime and non-anime shows because of her many talents.

Born in Saitama, Japan on April 5, 1972, Takeuchi works for OGIPRO THE NEXT Co. Inc. She has voiced characters such as Gon Freecs of Hunter X Hunter, Red in Pocket Monsters: The Origin (POKEMON), Takuya Kanbara in Digimon Frontier, Rin Natsuki/Cure Rouge in Yes! Precure 5, Mamoru Endou in Inazuma Eleven. Most of these characters are the goofy male heroes of the anime series. She also dubbed for foreign shows when they aired in Japan such as Gumball in The Amazing World of Gumball, Taraneer Cook in W.I.T.C.H., and Lucy in 24. She also voiced for the Japanese version of the movies Mona Lisa Smile (as Constance "Connie" Baker) and The Golden Compass (as Billy Costa). Moreover, she is involved in radio shows, namely, Naruto Shippu Jinrai, Takeuchi Junko no Girly Daigaku, and Teiden Radio.

But aside from voice acting, she also helps in the illustration of some shows. In fact, she has done paint for shows such as Akame ga KILL!, Pokémon the Movie XY: Haka no Mayu to Diancie, and Space Dandy; digital paint for Detective Conan: Dimensional Sniper and Gundam Build Fighters; character design for Tottoko Hamutaro; and finish animation for shows like Gekijō-ban Tiger & Bunny -The Rising- and SoniAni: Super Sonico the Animation. Her most recent project is for Digimon Adventure 2016.

Apart from her involvement behind the scenes, she is also talented in ballet and enjoys reading, illustration, and watching professional wrestling.

The list goes on and on for the projects that talented Takeuchi has been a part of. So, if you see her name on the list of guests in conventions, you're sure to know a little more about her than just being the voice actress of Naruto.



Anime	Character
Claymore	Noel
Digimon Frontier	Takuya Kanbara
Gintama	Daigoro Kitaouji
Highschool of the Dead	Rika Minami
HunterxHunter 1999	Gon Freecs
Inazuma Eleven	Endou Mamoru, Endou Kanon
Katekyo Hitman Reborn	Lambo
Major	Okamura Trio
Medabots	Metabee
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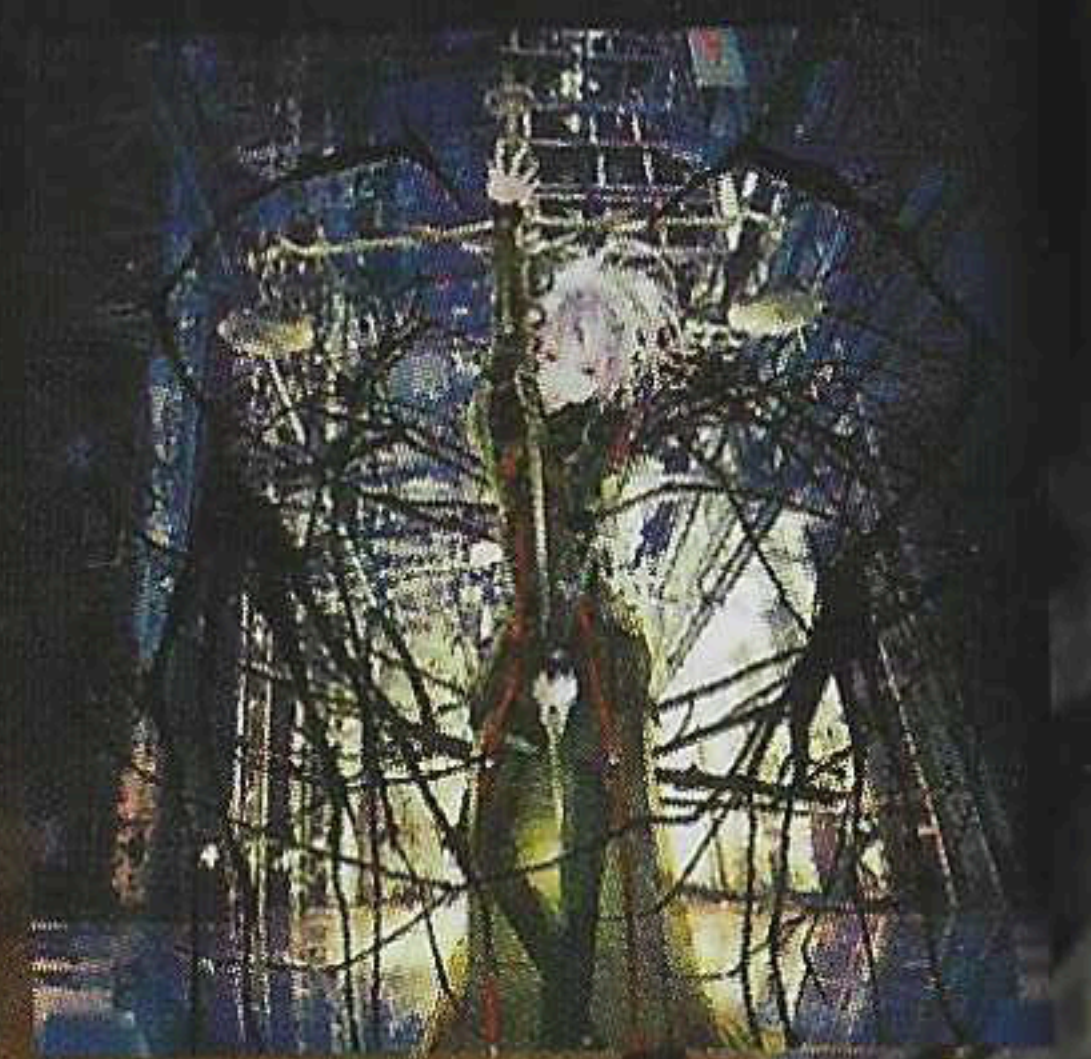
EGOIST

Originally a fictional band in the anime "Guilty Crown", EGOIST has indeed come a long way from simply being a band that exists only in an anime, to a "live-action" amazing duo. In fact, musical bands in anime series are not unusual, especially if the main theme of the anime itself is music. But when a certain anime band comes to life, that's when you know they are widely celebrated and they mean business.

EGOIST consists of two members, Ryo and Chelly. Ryo is from the band Supercell, a famous music group that has been producing songs under Sony Music Entertainment Japan since 2009. He is the only composer and lyricist of Supercell's songs while the other members are mostly illustrators, designers, animators, and photographers. Because of his amazing musical talent and the popularity of Supercell itself, Ryo was assigned to produce music for Guilty Crown in 2011.

When Supercell held auditions on that same year to look for a new vocalist, he coincidentally found the perfect vocalist for the Guilty Crown project in the same auditions, a girl named Chelly.

Chelly was seventeen years old when she was chosen as one of the winners at the Supercell auditions. She first became a guest singer for Supercell but shortly after that, completely focused on the band EGOIST. Chelly lent her singing voice to Yuzuriha Inori as one of the main characters in Guilty Crown and vocalist for the fictional band, EGOIST. Everyone is curious about what Chelly looks like as she has never shown her entire face to the public. Some people allegedly took pictures of her while singing at an event, but there is no confirmation from anyone and the sources are unreliable. She remains a mysterious persona up to now.



EGOIST as a fictional band provided one ending theme and one opening theme for Guilty Crown, namely "Departures (Anata ni Okuru Ai no Uta)" and "The Everlasting Guilty Crown." When EGOIST came to life and independently produced music, they provided two ending themes, "Naname no Nai Kaibutsu" and "All Alone With You" for the first season of the anime Psycho-Pass.

Perhaps some of you are wondering if Ryo could successfully produce music for his two groups separately and apparently with two different genres. EGOIST cannot avoid the fact that they will often be roughly associated with Supercell. But while both the music of Supercell and EGOIST carry Ryo's trademark of having the sentimental genre and indulgent quality of music, thanks to Chelly, her soft and sweet vocals gave EGOIST's music a clear distinction. Chelly's voice is not very much mainstream as compared to other vocalists in anime groups who usually have a loud, rough, and strong quality of voice. EGOIST has never gone below the top 10 at Oricon Charts for every single they release, a proof that the duo has indeed captured the hearts of many people.

Once again, EGOIST created music for the second season of Psycho-Pass. The first ending theme "Fallen" was released last November 19, 2014. It is a bit different from the usual piano-heavy songs of EGOIST. But the duo is still very consistent with the indie + Western feel in their music.



FALLEN

Anime: Psycho-Pass 2 | Artist: EGOIST

All is calm All is bright
sasayaku tenshi wa ochite
yasashiku kumu wa anata no
subete o
It's my guilty

kidzuku
hi o mihiraiteru
honoaoi konkurito
tsumetaku watashi o
Call my name and give me a kiss
soshite dakishimete
anata no inai sono karada de

hakidashita sono inochi wa
mada katachi o nokoshiteiru
wa
akaku azayaka na eien ga miete
tonari de sore wa utaidasu
What was I born for
nee watashi o aishite
hanasanai kara

Hello mmmmmmyyyyy name
iiiiiiiissss

yaketsuku you na kawaki
iyasarezu susuru
hiiro ni somatte
watashi o azawarau kono te

yagate
oto mo kikoena
iki o hisometa no
sono me no namida ni
Call my name and give me a kiss
mada hikikaeseru no?
chi mo niowanai sono karada
de

hakuri shita sono karasu o
tsubushite shitataru mama
nomikonda
azayaka na eien ga miete
tonari de sore wa utaidasu
What was I born for
nee watashi o aishitekureru to
iu no?

sore ga watashi o yobu tabi
kotaeru honnou ni
kono mi wo yudanete
Call my name and give me a kiss
soshite dakishimete
anata no inai sono karada de

kakera ni naru made aishite
hakidashita sono inochi wa
mada katachi wo nokoshiteiru
wa
akaku azayaka na eien ga miete
tonari de sore wa utaidasu
What was I born for
nee watashi wo aishite
mitasareru made
watashi no subete ga
hokorobu made



No doubt that watching sports anime is influential. Just by simply watching sports anime, one would want to learn the sport even though they're not athletic at all. Each character's passion to win against their opponents is contagious, and it radiates into the minds of the audience. Nonetheless, one sport has always been on top of its game, the rigorous and teamwork-demanding basketball. Two basketball anime have set the standard: in our childhood, Slam Dunk, and now, Kuroko no Basket.

Aced by the mangaka Tadatoshii Fujimaki-sensei in 2008, Kuroko no Basket has consistently stayed on the top ten manga all over Japan since the anime's birth in

2012. With its unwavering success, the manga went on for five years. Just recently though, Kuroko no Basket manga ended with 29 tankobon volumes as published by Shueisha. But shortly after the last chapter, a quick announcement has been made saying that an all-new Kuroko no Basket sequel series is on the works. Since this celebrated sports anime is produced a few months after a specific arc in the manga ends, Kuroko no Basket anime lags behind a bit from the manga. Now, Kuroko no Basket 3, still under the studio Production I.G., is airing with more hard court action and never-before-seen skills of new characters.

Half-time Break: Rewind

Kuroko no Basket is a story about Kuroko Tetsuya, the phantom member of the Teiko Middle School Basketball Team, consisting of the Kiseki no Sedai or Generation of Miracles. They are a team of basketball players with extraordinary individual abilities. Teiko has set high and unbeatable records in the world of middle school basketball and has put their opponents on their feet.

After middle school, Kuroko decides to enroll to Seirin High, an average high school that does not have exceptionally talented sports players but a highly trainable bunch. Kuroko seems to be not in good terms with his former team members, and wishes to be with a real team that greatly values training and teamwork. Kuroko meets Kagami Taiga, a first year student like himself who wants to join Seirin High Team. He is a Japanese national hailing from the USA and loves to play basketball in the street ball manner. Kuroko's expertise is on passing but he is not good at playing basketball, and Taiga seems to think so highly of himself. But with their improved individual skills, together, they become the light and shadow of Seirin Team. Kuroko and Taiga are the unstoppable duo.

Along the tournaments, Seirin meets Kuroko's former teammates who separately enrolled and got dispersed to different high schools all over their region. Kuroko sees how his friends' personalities improved by being under different teams led by different captains.



There is but one person whom he is yet to see in the court: Akashi, Teiko's former captain and holder of the Emperor Eye.

Kuroko no Basket 2 ends with Seirin's victory against Yosen which Murasakibara Atsushi plays for, a member of the Generation of Miracles. Kuroko then admits to Kagami that he hasn't thrown the necklace, the symbol of Kagami and Himuro's brotherhood, as the latter suggested to do. Kagami then decides to keep the necklace and his friendship with Himuro as well, despite being in different teams. Meanwhile, Midorima and Akashi have an iconic staring game at the end of Kuroko no Basket 2, signifying the forthcoming clash between Midorima's team, Shutoku, and Akashi's team, Rakuzan.

Let us meet some of the titular characters of the series on the next page!

The Generation of Miracles

The Generation of Miracles is an all-star team of Teikō Junior High. It is a team of 5 players, each with their own exceptional talent. The team won the junior high school Nationals the last three consecutive years, but the players are now scattered across five different schools,[1] rivaling each other in high school basketball competitions.

Kuroko Tetsuya – The Phantom Sixth Man
CV: Ono Kensho (Ren Hakuryuu, Magi: The Labyrinth of Magic; Slaine Troyard, Aldnoah.Zero)
Position in Seirin: Unknown

He earned his nickname through his ability called *misdirection* where he seemingly disappears before his opponent. He is bad at shooting and slips from catching the ball at times, but he is extremely good at passing the ball. His pass usually comes off as a surprise on his teammates. Kuroko has a very polite demeanor. He knows how to communicate politely and he never speaks ill of anyone. He has a calm and collected personality. The blue-haired player often deadpans at the slightest joke or funniest gestures



Kagami Taiga – The Unacknowledged Miracle
CV: Ono Yuuki (Hori Masayuki, Gekkan Shoujo Nozaki-kun; Shiro Ashiya, Hataraku Maou-sama!)
Position in Seirin: Power Forward, Center

Taiga started off as an annoying brat who barely listens to his basketball senpais. With all the games, tournaments, and team plays their team had to strategize for, Kagami learned a lot of lessons and has developed into a mature player in the court. He usually bumps heads with Aomine and Midorima. If Kagami had been in Japan during his middle school days, he might have been able to join the prodigy that is Generation of Miracles. He is the one who keeps breaking the walls of the Generation of Miracles with his strong jumping power, and the player who is at par with them.





Aomine Daiki – The Ace

CV: Suwabe Junichi (Takaya Kurisu, Amagi Brilliant Park; Kanzaki Touji, Yowamushi Pedal)
Position in Touou: Power Forward

Aomine Daiki is Teiko's Ace and still Touou's Ace in high school. He used to be a cooperative player back then, but gradually changed when he was able to surpass all his opponents' abilities and even his own team members at Teiko. Soon enough, he got swallowed by the idea that "the only one who can beat me is me". He somehow managed to go back to his old self and started going to training again.



Kise Ryouta – The Copycat

CV: Kimura Ryouhei (Hirotaka Wakamatsu, Gekkan Shoujo Nozaki-kun; Kirito Kamui, Psycho-Pass 2)
Position in Kaijou: Small Forward

A part-time model and a fulltime high school basketball player, Kise Ryouta often has fangirls around him and is well-loved by them. The blonde has a weird way of talking, ending most of his sentences with '-ssu'. He also adds '-chi' to every person's name whom he respects. Although Kise seems to be an airhead at first, he is in fact a fast learner who can copy every move that his opponent makes in the court.



Midorima Shintarou – The Miracle Shooter

CV: Ono Daisuke

(Shizuo Heiwajima, Durarara!! ; Seishuu Handa, Barakamon)

Position in Shuutoku: Shooting Guard

Back in Teiko days, he can shoot as far from the half court. When he entered Shutoku, his ability has improved a lot, enabling him to shoot from any range within the court and can surpass the limit he set for himself. Midorima looks like a really cool 'megane', but he is actually a zodiac junkie who collects lucky items for Cancer, as advised in a radio show called "Oha Asa". Like Kise, he has an unusual way of talking. The green-haired megane ends most of his sentences with "nanodayo". He used to be a lone player who practices shooting a lot while everyone else has gone home. But eventually, Midorima learns a lot about teamwork at Shutoku. There is no acknowledgment from this Kerosuke-obsessed megane that he enjoys being with his current team, but his half-smiles while playing say it all. Expect Midorima to show a lot of emotions in Kuroko no Basket 3, something he has never done before.



Murasakibara Atsushi – The Aegis of the Court

CV: Suzumura Kenichi (Momotarou Mikoshiba, Free! Eternal Summer; Hikaru Hitachin, Ouran High School Host Club)

Position in Yosen: Center

His towering height of 208 cm makes it extremely difficult for opponents shorter than him to shoot when he's around. But the thing is, he is always around. Murasakibara is typically seen eating sweets. He likes adding '-chin' to people's names he is close to (e.g. Akachin, Kurochin, etc.) Murasakibara claims he does not like playing basketball, but continues to do so because he has an advantage. However, at the last minute of Seirin vs. Yosen, Murasakibara enters the zone. He does love basketball after all.



The Winning Team

Led by the Clutch Shooter Hyuuga Junpei and the Iron Heart Kiyoshi Teppei, Seirin has come a long way from being a competitive team without fans, to a winning team that has gone through a lot of hardships. Kuroko no Basket 2 focused on Seirin's journey as a team. In Kuroko no Basket 3, they may stay on the side for quite some time, analyzing every game, every loss and every move their imminent opponents make. The wait would take a while for them to get back in the court and face their ultimate opponent. For now, the Seirin team tries to discover more about their individual abilities, dreams, and power as a whole. Join them in this sizzling season of basketball action in Kuroko no Basket 3!

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HOT ANIME

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Return to a Peaceful Town, Return to the Past



Sora no Method

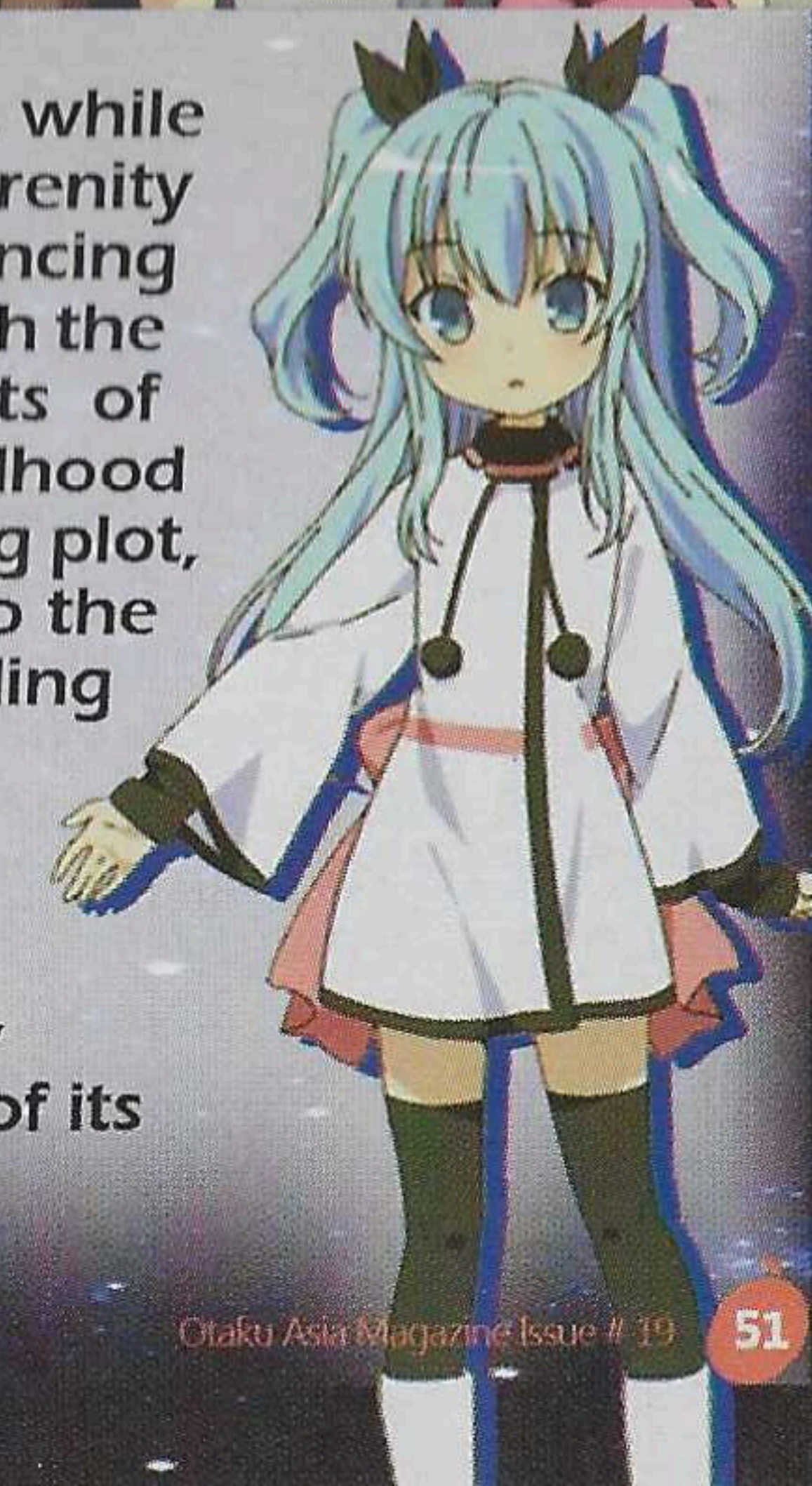
When we leave a place, especially one where life-changing events happened, we bring memories of it along with us. However, as time passes, those memories can fade. However, when we return to the place we once left, they come back to us in vivid detail, and new ones are created. Watch how Nonoka learns this lesson by heart in *Sora no Method*.

Translated as *Celestial Method* in English, the show revolves around the life of **Nonoka Komiya**, a girl who has moved back with her father to **Lake Kiriya City**, a quiet, peaceful town that would've been ordinary, save for its recent new sight – a giant saucer-shaped object that hovering over it. Upon getting to their house, she finds **Noel**, a strange little girl who not only knows her, but also seems to have been waiting for her for quite some time. Unfortunately, Nonoka doesn't remember her at first, but then she does eventually. Now that her memories of Noel and her childhood have returned for good, she reunites with Noel, who promises to grant her wishes. Thus begins her heartwarming tale of friendship, youth, and mystery in the now-strange town she was once familiar with.



The art is a sight to behold. The characters are cute and colorful, while the backgrounds are clear and scenic. This creates a sense of serenity and simplicity that makes the viewers feel as if they are experiencing life in a laid-back town. Also, this goes perfectly hand-in-hand with the general plot and theme of the anime, which mostly consists of Nonoka's regular day-to-day life and events related to her childhood friends. Those happenings lead to the tackling of the overarching plot, which is about Nonoka's friendship with Noel, Noel's relation to the giant saucer over Lake Kiriya City, and the mysteries surrounding them.

A beautifully drawn and heartfelt twelve-episode anime about memories and friendship, *Sora no Method* is a gem whose beauty is not only limited to its aesthetics, but also in the genuineness of its well-written story and the feelings the show gives off.





After successful stage play adaptations of anime series such as *The Prince of Tennis* and *Black Butler*, Nelke Planning is beginning the new year with a bang, as it launches, together with Be-Honest, a stage play of the anime *Vampire Knight* at the Hakuin Theater in Tokyo in January 21 to 25. However, this stage play is set not only to be just a stage play but also a musical!

The musical stage play of *Vampire Knight* is directed by Shinnosuke Motoyama and has scripts composed by Koji Tokuo.

Yumi Wakatsuki, who is a member of the idol group Nogizaka46, takes on the lead role of Yuki Cross while AKIRA of DISACODE plays as Kaname Kuran, and Root makes an appearance as Zero Kiryu.



Vampire Knight was one of the best selling shoujo manga series in North America by Matsuri Hino which was serialized in *LaLa*, a shoujo manga magazine. It tells the story of Yuki Cross who as a member of the Disciplinary Committee, helps her adoptive father (headmaster) to separate the classes of humans and vampires at Cross Academy. Because Kaname Kuran saved her life, she is determined to help

the vampires to coexist with the humans, but her friend Zero Kiryu does not believe such harmony can exist.

At what cost will Yuki see through this harmony? Let the musical stage show you the way!

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CHARACTER BIO

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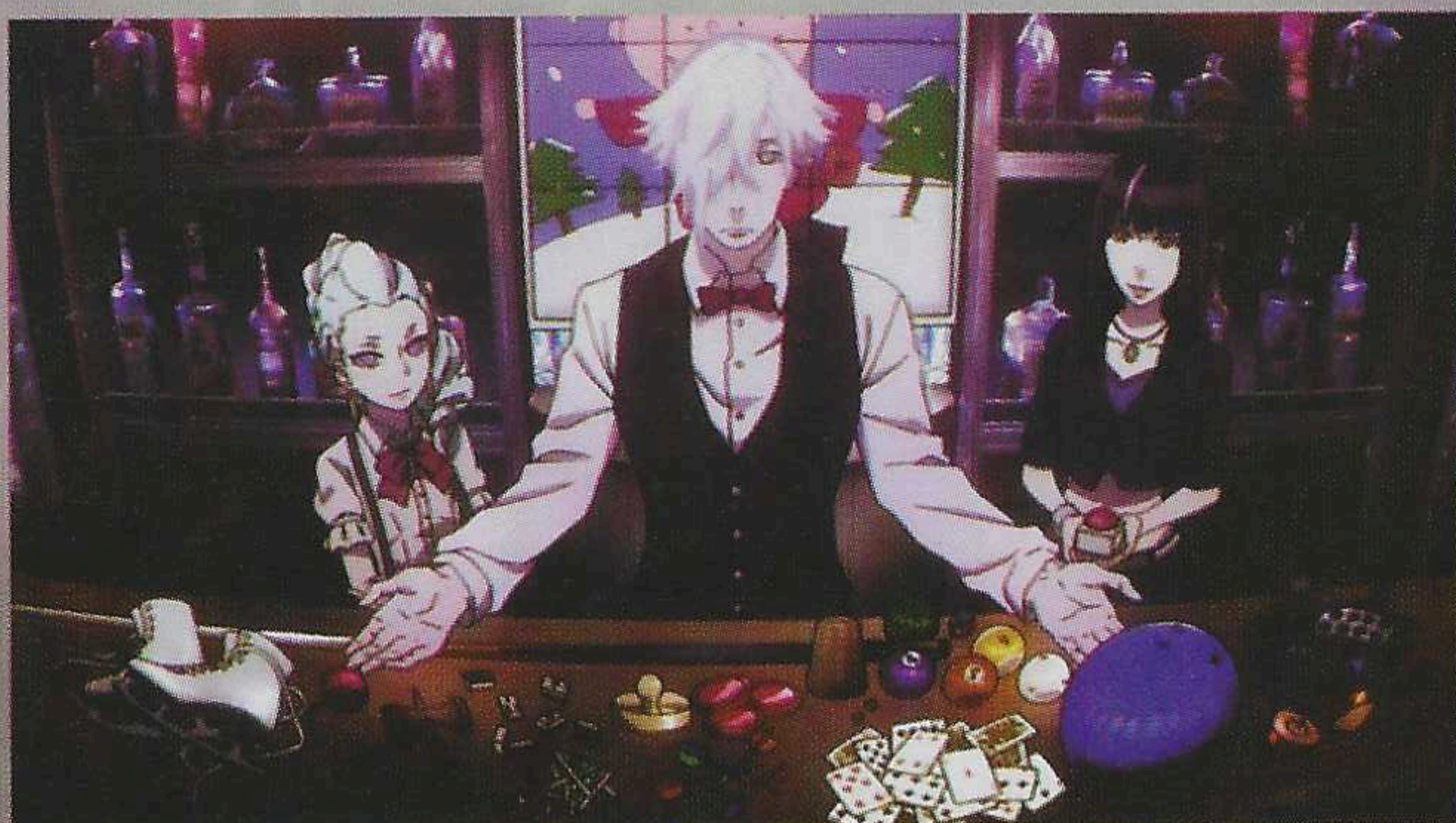
Voiced by:
Maeno Tomoaki

Occupation:
Bartender of Quindecim

From the anime, *Death Parade*
and anime film, *Death Billiards*
from 2013.

Somewhere is a mysterious bar
known as Queen Dequim. It is a
place where confused humans end up
in. It is where they participate in a Death
Game with their lives are on the line.

IT IS A **GAME** WITH
YOUR **LIVES** AT STAKE



Decim's most noticeable feature is his stoic face. In the opening theme, he dances and sings without ever showing emotion. He also has an ability to control invisible strings that he used to stop a character from killing another.

His goal is unknown for now but you can find out when you watch *DEATH PARADE*.



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Death Parade



Sword & Sorcery=in=one

Seikentsukai no world break *Seinmai Maou no Keiyakusha

- *Plana-magic ability
- *Saviors-people who can use Plana
- *Shirogane- Weapon wielders
- *Kuroma- Magic users

Wouldn't it be nice if you have a recollection of your past life? What if you were a warrior, a princess or a witch? That would be so awesome! Though, nothing would be cooler than Moroha Haimura. He has a past life of two heroes, both of a Shirogane and a Kuroma.

Saviors, youths with awakened memories of their past lives. In a private high school where saviors are brought together, they were classified into two types: 'Shirogane' (light type) are those who fight enemies with weapons and techniques acquired from the Plana powers from their own bodies. 'Kuroma' (dark magic) who wipe out enemies, with magic to manipulate the Mana powers that surpass physics. Moroha, is the first person in history who can use both.

On his first day in school, he met Satsuki Ranjo, loud and brash girl who recognized him as her brother in their past life. Then there was Shizuno Urushibara, a mysterious but quirky girl who also has a deep connection with him in his other life.

Seiken tsukai no World Break (World Break: Aria of Curse for a Holy Swordsman) is a Japanese light novel series written by Akamitsu Awamura and illustrated by Refeia. SB Creative has published six volumes since November 2012 under their GA Bunko imprint. An anime television series adaptation by Diomedea is now on air.

Once the Guardian of the Holy sword, what would be the powerful hero's purpose now that he's in the new generation?



Little sister, Big disaster

Isn't it fun when you have your brothers or sisters with you. For some kids, being an only child can be sad. Some would ask their parents for a sibling, or more likely, having an adopted one. Though there might be times that the adopted kids are the trouble-maker in the story.

Take Toujo Basara, a first year highschool student, whose father decided to get remarried. His father suddenly told him that they will be having two girls at their house, Mio and Maria, introducing them as Basara's step-sisters. His father then departed overseas, leaving Basara in charge of the two girls. That night, both girls told Basara to leave the house at once. Maria, who is actually a succubus, told him that she is a servant to the new Demon Lord, Mio! Knowing the situation of both girls, Basara is then forced to form a contract with Mio. Unfortunately, there was a mistake and the contract was reversed. Basara, now the master, must continue to protect the Demon Lord who's being chased by both the demon tribes and heroes.

Shinmai Maou no Keiyakusha (The Testament of Sister New Devil) is a light novel series written by Uesu Tetsuto and illustrated by Okuma Nekosuke. Having 6 volumes since its release in September 2012, a manga adaptation has been serialized since May 2013. This 2015, the anime adaptation is now on-going, directed by Hirashi Saito.

Can Basara act as a big brother while protecting his demon step-sisters from the purge of the hero tribe?



Save the world by Love Making!

Binan koukou Chikyuu Bouei-bu Love *Binan koukou Chikyuu

Frilly clothes, heart beams and sparkles everywhere~

Sounds like a typical magical girl anime, right? Tired of the shoujo appeal? Well, this anime surely gives a plot twist of our favorite Mahou Shoujos—or should we say Shounens!?

In Binan High School, there is a certain club named 'Earth Defense Club' who is actually, just a bunch of 4 slackers. One day, two club members Atsushi Kinugawa and En Yufuin were taking a bath in the Kurotamayu bathhouse. When suddenly, a mysterious talking pink Wombat appears out of nowhere and asks the boys to help save the Earth with the power of love. Yumoto Hakone, son of the bathhouse owner, sees the cute creature and chases it. The next day, the Wombat appears in their school. Atsushi, En, together with the other two club members Io Naruko and Ryu Zaou, and Yumoto met with the Wombat again. Suddenly, an evil mascot creature appears and threatens to destroy humanity. With the Wombat's help, magical bracelets appear and clasp onto each of the members' wrist, and from there, the power of love took over them and they transformed into the Battle Lovers!

Binan Kokou Chikyuu Bouei-bu Love (Cute High Earth Defense Club Love!) is a 2015 anime series created by Kurari Umatani and produced by Diomedea. A spin-off manga titled Binan Kokou Chikyuu Seifuku-bu Love! started serialization in Pony Canyon's web comics magazine online, on October 16, 2014. A light novel series written by Takahashi Natsuko and illustrated by Hara Yumiko will release in Japan on January 7, 2015 as a paperback novel.

Will the Magical Earth's Defense Club be able to stand up to their name and stop the Earth Conquering Club's intent to rule over the world?

"We are the heir to the throne of love~ Battle Lovers!"



Shine bright like an idol!

The idolmaster: Cinderella girls *The idolmaster: Cinderella

It has always been a girl's dream to experience what is it like being a princess. In the modern world, being an idol can equal the royalty treatment. Which is why a lot of girls wants to reach that goal. Luckily, there are production companies that have a good eye, scouting out for those who got the appeal, the personality, and the passion.

Meet Uzuki Shimamura, a bubbly girl who is passionate on her dream to become an idol. She had been doing auditions and taking up idol lessons for quite a time. One day, a new producer from 346 Production showed up and tells her that she has been chosen to be a part of the Cinderella Project, an idol group. Unfortunately, they can't start the project until the members are completed. Rin Shibuya, a quiet and neutral girl who befriends with Uzuki, has also been scouted by the producer. Though she wasn't interested at first, with Uzuki's influence and the producer not giving up on asking her to be an idol, Rin accepts the offer. Together with the other members, the girls will begin their journey on reaching their princess' dreams.

THE Idolmaster: Cinderella Girls is an anime series this 2015, adapted from the Idolmaster game. After an initial announcement at the Idolmaster Cinderella Girls 1st Live Wonderful Magic! last April 2014, a mobile game adaptation is now on schedule. It follows the idols of 346 Production's CINDERELLA PROJECT.

With a bunch of mixed personalities and talents, watch how the girls thrive to become the new generation princesses~





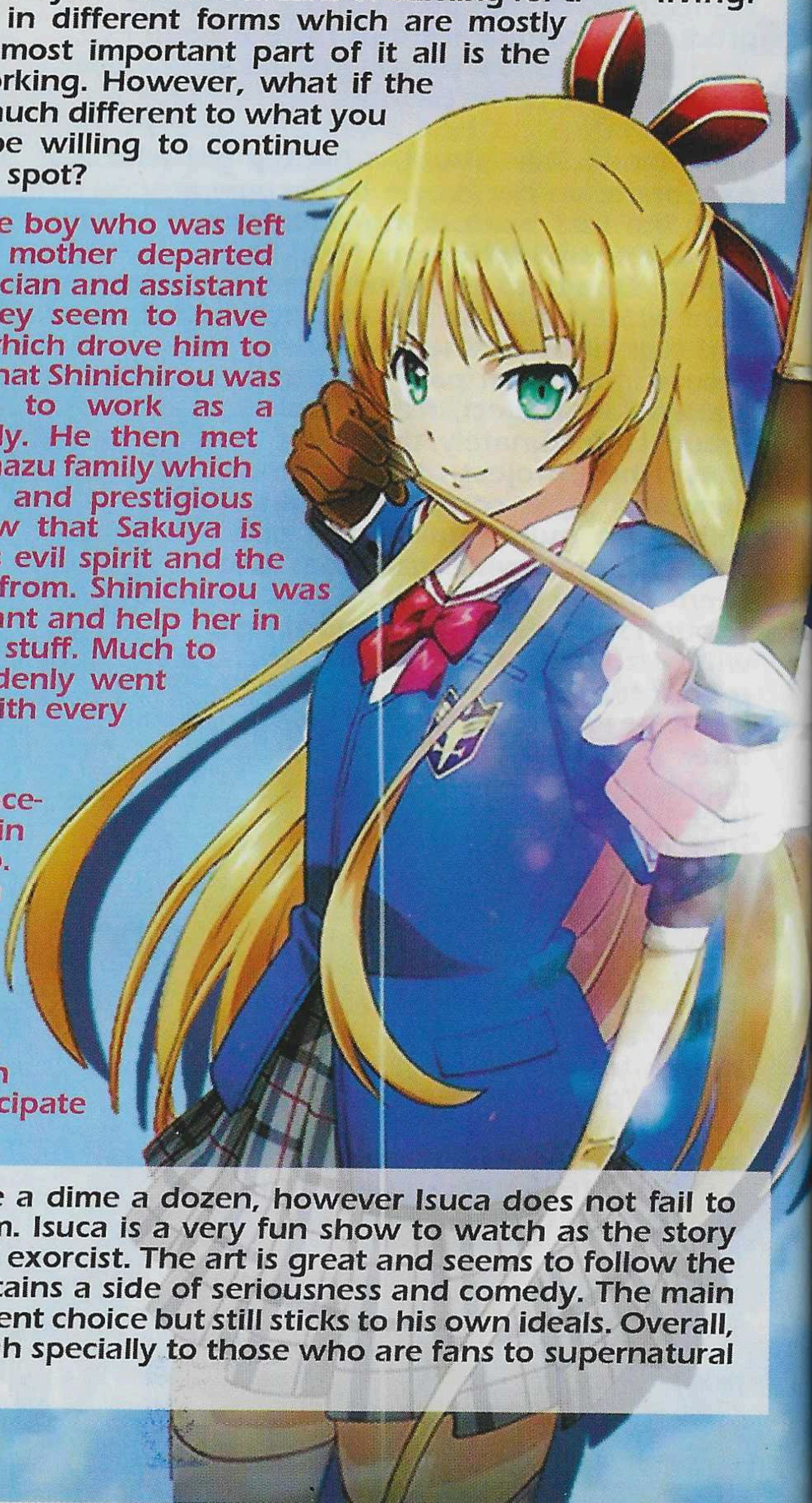
by: Mikelle

Part time jobs are very convenient and efficient as it provides extra cash aside from your allowance or full time job salary. Part time jobs can also be acquired by students which they could consider as either extra pocket money or another means of earning for a living. Of course, part time job comes in different forms which are mostly physical work or labor but the most important part of it all is the experience you gather while working. However, what if the work that welcomes you is very much different to what you have signed up for? Will you be willing to continue working, or will you resign at the spot?

Shinichirou Asano is your average boy who was left home alone as his father and mother departed overseas to work as a stage magician and assistant respectively. As time passed, they seem to have stopped sending his allowance which drove him to look for a part time job. It is then that Shinichirou was recommended by his teacher to work as a housekeeper for a certain family. He then met Sakuya, the 37th head of the Shimazu family which seems to have a very historical and prestigious background. Little does he know that Sakuya is actually an exorcist that banishes evil spirit and the likes back to whence they came from. Shinichirou was then forced to become her assistant and help her in dealing with many supernatural stuff. Much to Shinichirou's dismay, things suddenly went awry as he struggles to keep up with every surprise that pops up around him.

Isuca is a supernatural, romance-comedy anime that premiered in January 2015 from Arm studio. Isuca is originally adapted from the manga series of the same title by Osamu Takahashi which is serialized in Kadokawa Shoten's Young Ace currently at its 5th volume and is still ongoing. An OVA released has also been announced to which fans can anticipate after the anime release.

Supernatural stories are of course a dime a dozen, however Isuca does not fail to deliver as it can thwart that idiom. Isuca is a very fun show to watch as the story develops deeper into the realm of exorcist. The art is great and seems to follow the original design and the story contains a side of seriousness and comedy. The main character is confronted with different choice but still sticks to his own ideals. Overall, the show is definitely a must watch specially to those who are fans to supernatural battles.



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Parasyte

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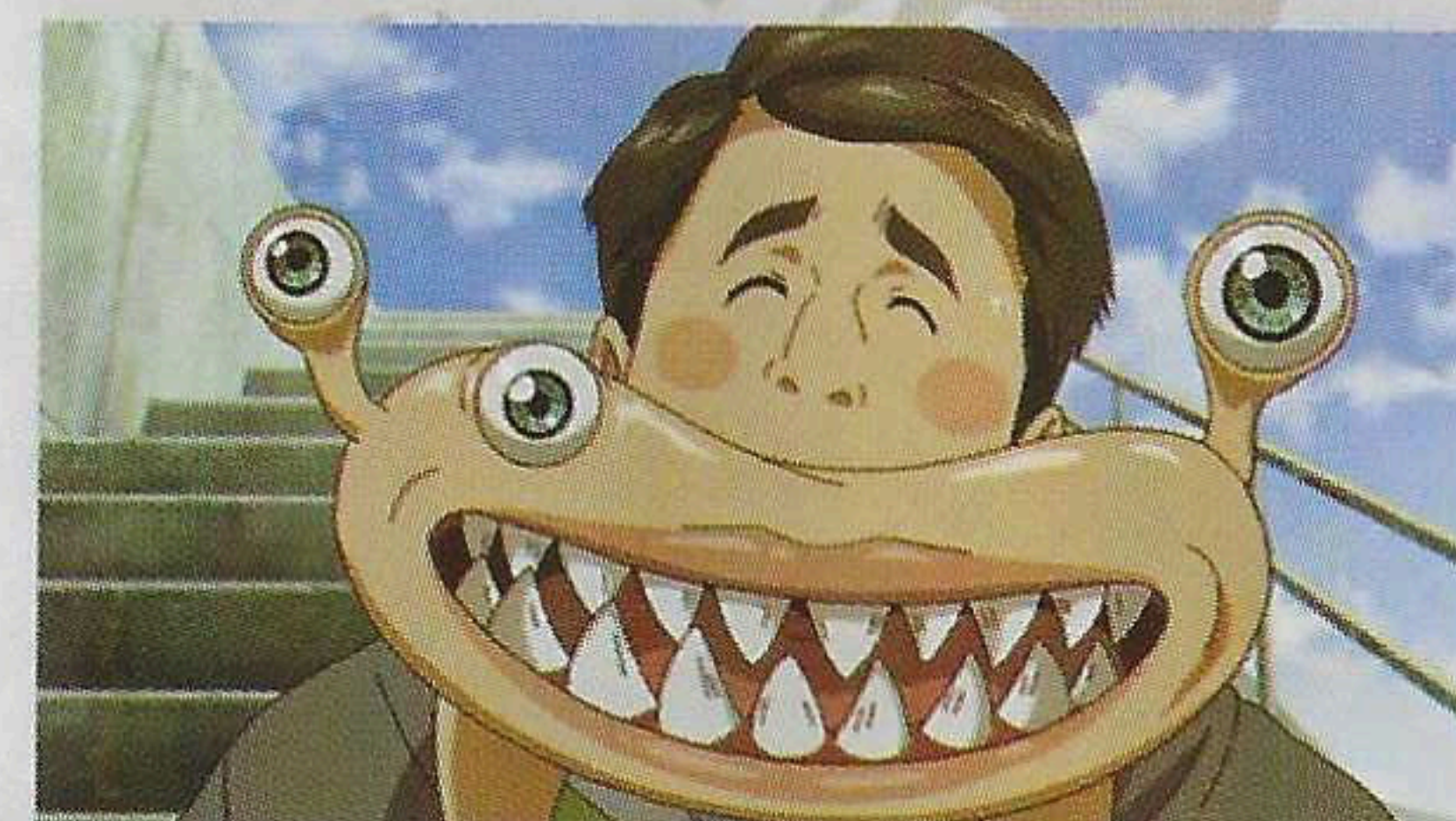
Parasites are organisms that dwell in another organism known as the host. They derive nutrients from the host to increase their own survivability without giving anything in return; which truly indicates a non-mutual relationship. These definitions are mere facts that have been proven to us by science, but what if a rare circumstance dictates a situation where the host needs the parasite to survive?

Even Parasites can Evolve to

Predators

by Mikelle

They suddenly came in the dead of night; where they prowl within the veil of darkness as they silently stalk their prey, or in this case: their host. This mysterious and ominous organisms had descended from the skies and their main goal is to slip in and invade the human brain; they will consume it and take the body as their own. These aliens that have succeeded their objective will now act as the person they commandeered, concealing their true identity. It is not very clear what their next objectives are afterwards but some continue to consume other humans as a source of nutrients.



Things went very different for the high school boy named **Shinichi Izumi** as he fought the parayte over the control of his own body which made the creature settled for his right hand. His right hand then began to assume an unnatural form which also seem to harbor its own personality and intelligence. Shinichi decided to give the strange creature the name **Migi**, and together they formed a partnership as they unravel the secrets of the parasites. With mixed feelings and complicated stand points, Shinichi's struggle to fend off the alien invaders and protect his friends and family has begun.

The story centers around Shinichi Izumi and the parasite, Migi who dwells in his right hand as they encounter other parasytes who have taken control of their human host. The duo first fought only to survive as the other parasytes finds their existence as an anomaly that needs to be eliminated. Shinichi then later came to a huge turning point which changed him entirely. He was able to take control of his new found powers and decided to do everything to prevent the parasytes from doing whatever they want.

SHINICHI IZUMI

Shinichi is the main protagonist of the series whose life turned upside-down overnight after being infected by a parasite. He first tried to escape reality and denied the facts of being a host. He believed that he could continue living in peace while hiding Migi from others. Circumstances prevented him from doing so as other parasites began to surface and they came to a conclusion that a parasite dwelling in a human body that has retained their own brain is a threat, thus resulted in him being attacked and forced to defend for his life.

Shinichi's body and personality keeps shifting as his cells merges along with Migi's as he displayed superhuman strength and unnatural physical abilities. The tragedies he experienced also changed his personality and way of thinking.

MIGI

Migi is the name given to the parasite that is dwelling within Shinichi's right hand. Migi refuses to take over his host's brain and states that sharing nutrients with Shinichi is more than enough for him to survive. Though like other parasites, Migi also believes in survival and self-preservation and displays a cold personality towards humans and other parasites as he finds them either irrelevant or a threat to his life. Migi shows hostility towards those that discovers their secret even if it's a normal human. As the story progress, Migi's personality becomes more human.

Migi is able to transform into different shapes and sizes, and is also able to extend to great lengths but the most notable is the ability to morph into deadly weapons that they mostly used to defend themselves.



MURANO SATOMI

Satomi is Shinichi's friend and schoolmate. She is an average high school girl that displays a mutual fondness towards Shinichi. She is very caring, gentle and very cheerful. She is always being teased by her friends as she also displays an obvious crush towards Shinichi.

Their relationship later turned romantic as the story progress though is being hindered by Shinichi due to his secret. Shinichi kept her in the dark and he doesn't tell her anything pertaining to the existence of the parasites as he tries to protect her from the background.



KIMISHIMA KANA

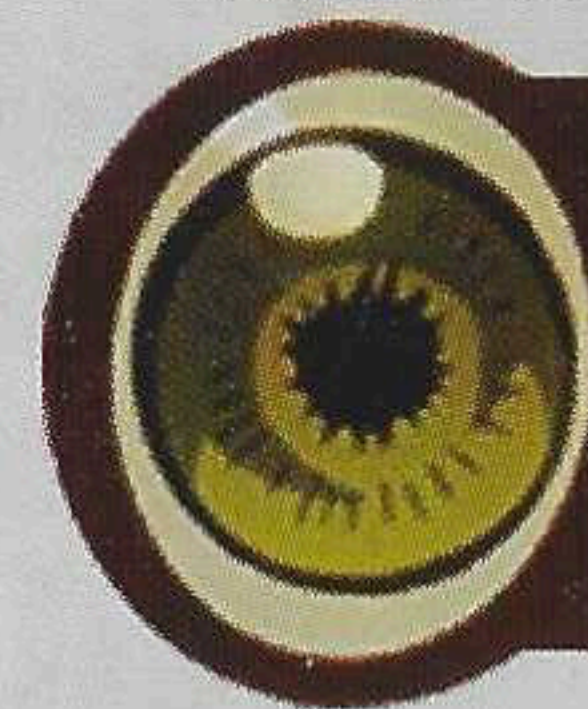
Kana was a delinquent that Shinichi became acquainted with. They first met when Shinichi tried to defend a student against a group of delinquents. Kana has some unexplained psychic abilities that gave her unknown ability to sense and perceive parasites. She frequently uses this to find Shinichi's location as she wants to find out his secret.

She also develops a crush on Shinichi but is first unsure if this was due to her unknown ability to sense him. She later believed that her ability led her towards her soul mate which then proved to be very dangerous.





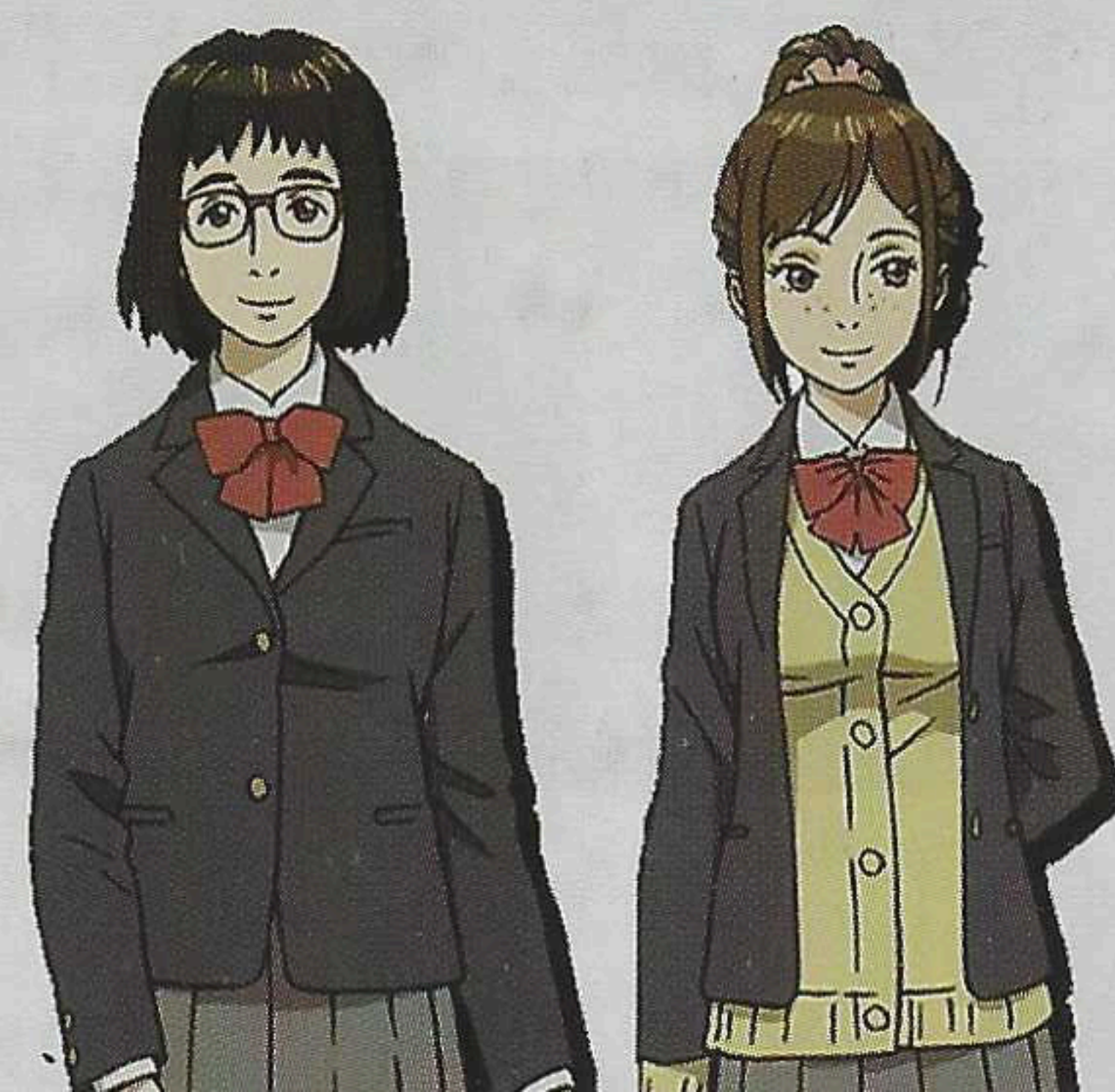
Kiseijuu: Sei no Kakuritsu translated as Parasyte –The Maxim- is a sci-fi, psychological horror anime at its finest. Brought to life by Madhouse studio and directed by Kenichi Shimizu who is a relatively new director but this work became his anime scene debut. Kiseijuu was adapted from Hotoshi Iwaaki's manga of the same title which he started way back in the late 80's and finished with a total of 10 volumes which gathered many awards at its time. The anime's episode titles are references from literary works. The anime's opening theme "Let Me Hear" is performed by Fear, and Loathing in Las Vegas while the ending theme is "It's the Right Time" by Miura Daichi.



A two-part live action adaptation project has already begun where the 1st film was released in November 2014 and the last part has been scheduled to release in 2015. There was also a reported Hollywood film adaptation back in 2005 but no news came to surface anymore since then.



The anime adaptation certainly has been gathering a lot of fame. The story's pacing is very smooth which pulls anyone who watches into the depth of the dark plot with a tinge of romance displayed by the characters. The fight scenes are sometime quite fast paces but are still very exciting and displays some cool animation sequence. Though originally tagged as a seinen series which made young adults as the target audience, many fans around the world in different age range has surfaced, but of course parental guidance is advised.



Next on Otaku Asia



MANGA

Shield of Revenge

by John Robert Lim

Absolute Duo

Losing a loved one is certainly a painful experience, and the way one deals with it differs from person to person. Some people get over easily, while others strike back at the cruel world. The question is, how far will you be willing to go in order to avenge your loved one?



After failing to protect a loved one, all that matters for **Tooru Kokonoe** is his goal of revenge. In order to do this, he enrolls into **Kouryou Academy** in hopes of obtaining more power. After undergoing a ceremony and being reborn as an **Exceed**, he is able to summon his **Blaze**. Expecting to see the weapon that acts as his soul's manifestation, the form of this Blaze manages to surprise both him and the school's chairman, **Sayaka Tsukumo**.

Come Kouryou Academy's formal entrance ceremony, students wanting to enter the school are given an abrupt task called the **Rite of Qualification**. This requires the students to duel a partner with a condition that the winner will be officially enrolled, while the loser loses his powers. Suddenly faced with a practical exam against his newfound acquaintance, **Imari Nagakura**, Tooru is forced to summon his trump card. He calls on his Blaze, his ultimate weapon, which reveals itself to be a.... shield?!

The **Absolute Duo** manga is an adaptation **Takumi Hiiragiboshi's** light novel series. The manga adaptation started on April 2013 and is being illustrated by **Yoshiki Naruse**. Over 10 chapters have been released on **Comic Alive**, and an anime adaptation by **8bit** is also set to be released on January of 2015.



Anime fans might already be familiar with this type of setting and premise, but **Absolute Duo** truly shines in its pacing and execution. Due to the excellent art and character designs, the manga is very easy to get into. It manages to immerse the readers into the action of the story as early as the opening chapters, making the story one that does not have a single dull moment. Also, the fast pacing will guarantee "absolute" enjoyment for everyone.

What are you waiting for? An exciting fantasy manga, **Absolute Duo** is a must-read. Follow **Tooru's** story and see how far his personal quest will take him.



The fairy that started the tale

by kanddy

Fairy Tail Zero

"The barefoot life of a single girl"

We learned that **Fairy Tail's** first master is a teenager named **Mavis Vermillion**, a barefoot mage with mad strategic skills and illusion. However, we haven't heard of the story regarding how this seemingly fightless young woman founded the strongest magic guild, **Fairy Tail**.

On July 2014, **Hiro Mashima** released **Fairy Tail Zero**.



Started on the year **X679**, **Mavis** is left to take care of herself and a friend after a battle killed everyone on **Tenrou Island**. This friend, **Zeira** grew up with **Mavis** for seven years and became very shy so when **Yury Dreyar** and other treasure hunters comes into their island, it was **Mavis** who dealt with them. She defeated **Yury** in a game of truth.

Mavis later then forced **Yury**, **Warrod** and **Precht**, the treasure hunters to accompany her on a journey to find the **Tenrou Jade**, the symbol of the island and has been protected by it's inhabitants. **Mavis** and **Zeira** takes their first step outside the island towards the magic guild that stole the **Tenrou Jade**, **Blue Skull**.

Travel with Master Mavis to find Tenrou Jade and fairies~



Where Two Worlds Meet Again

by Ann

Tsubasa World Chronicle: Nirai Kanai-hen

Decisions help us in moving forward, and we often find ourselves facing two worlds. Between these worlds lie our happiness and the truth. Which would you choose? A world where you are happy but consists of a lie? Or a world where the truth is held but consists of pain?

Tsubasa World Chronicle: Nirai Kanai-hen is a **CLAMP** manga published on 20th of August last year. With the fantasy linked to xxxHolic Rei, Tsubasa World Chronicle also packs itself with the action, adventure and drama that fans of the previous Tsubasa and xxxHolic are familiar with.



Watanuki has made a decision to leave behind a world where **Yuuko** exists, a world where his happiness is. He stands up for a decision that sets to help **Syaoran** go on his way in the world of **Nirai Kanai**. After Watanuki delivers the items that Syaoran needs, Syaoran, Kurogane, and Fai stays in Nirai Kanai in which they find what seems to be a paradise. However, good seems never to prevail without the existence of the evil. Upon the request of the goddess of Nirai Kanai, Syaoran and his friends need to face another challenge.

With the premise that two worlds meet again, can Syaoran continue to conquer different heights? Let his love and the love of the readers prove this true!



A Game of Fate

by Ann

xxxHOLIC: Rei

"What is your wish?"



Yuuko, together with the rest of the people in her shop, returns in **xxxHOLIC: Rei** to grant more wishes paid with an equal price. However, an air of mystery surrounds our protagonist, **Watanuki Kimihiro**, as he finds himself seemingly knowing more about fate, curses, and fortunes, more than a part-timer would have known. What secrets can Watanuki unfold about himself? What decision must he make in this world? Whose wish becomes granted?



Last February 2012, **CLAMP** released **xxxHOLIC: Rei** in **Young Magazine**. Produced by **Kodansha** and inspired by the plot of the original **xxxHOLIC** series in which Yuuko the witch grants people's wishes with a payment, Rei offers the same amount of comedy, horror, supernatural, and psychological themes. Readers of the original **xxxHOLIC** might at first find this manga to be chapters that continue the adventures of Yuuko and Watanuki. However, a certain plot twist that picks up where the original manga ends as well as where Tsubasa World Chronicle begins can establish the connection of these different worlds. Indeed, **CLAMP** has made another wondrous creation as this not only intersects and bring back readers to Yuuko's realm, but also emphasizes fate's call for us to decide.

Find out what fate has in store for Watanuki in xxxHOLIC: Rei!



The Dragon Next Door

by Ann

Becoming part of a new neighborhood means meeting new people and making new friends, but what if one's next door neighbor is not a human but a dragon? **Woo-Hyuk Choi**, at first, believes that his eyes were tricking him. However, it doesn't take a while for his neighbor to admit his real identity. Meet **Dragon Kim**, a dragon who loves MMORPG. What else can Woo-Hyuk Choi find out about his strange neighbor?



The Dragon Next Door is a manhwa or Korean webtoon created by **Cho** and was published July of 2013. From Naver which serialized *Girl of the Wild's*, *The Dragon Next Door* creates an atmosphere that most young professionals can relate to as they venture through living independently. Another lovable idea in this manhwa is its reflection of the Korean culture. Finally, it never ceases to amaze readers with funny punchlines such as Dragon Kim working as a fantasy novelist. Can one also imagine the ajummas (middle-aged women) playing LOL (League of Legends)? The readers can definitely enjoy the slice of life humor that this manhwa has to offer.

What adventures await the unlikely neighbors?
Check out more of *The Dragon Next Door*.



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It's been some time since we left Ikebukuro City. But after three years, we can finally go back. Revisit the town and the gang(s) in *Durarara!!x2 Shou*.

The sequel of the anime adaptation of the light novel of the same name by Ryogo Narito is still held by Brain's Base animation studios. Returning are everyone's favorites, which are almost everyone in the series – not-so ordinary boy Mikado Ryugamine, the sexy headless female courier Celty Sturluson, aka “The Black Rider”, resident strong man Shizuo Heiwajima, and eccentric information seller Izaya Orihara. Watch as their stories intertwine once more

And the mysteries surrounding them and the underground world they move in unfold once again.

Aside from a change of staff, it has been shown that the series will have a shift in art direction, especially in art direction.

Also, do expect that this continuation will leave you hanging, as the producers have planned to release subsequent sequels on later dates, with the second cour *Durarara!!x2 Ten* in July 2015, and *Durarara!!x2 Ketsu* in January 2016.



GAMER'S ARENA

by Ren

The year 842 is the beginning of the end.

"Since the dawn of eternity, four lights of hope have shone upon the world. Men flock to these lights, around which they build four peristyllia. Each peristylium becomes their faith and society, the path upon which they are set."



Final Fantasy Type-0

The Legendary Class

In the midst of hopelessness, the legendary vermillion-cloaked **Class Zero** returns in the cycle of war to stop **Cid Aulstine** in his attempt to invade the kingdoms of Orience and their Crystals. With the help of the new transferees to their class, Machina and Rem, will the class stop the destruction of Orience?

Final Fantasy Type 0 HD, originally known as **Final Fantasy Agito XIII**, is an action-roleplaying game by **Square Enix** and is also a part of the **Fabula Nova Crystallis: Final Fantasy**, a series of Final Fantasy games that revolves around the **Crystal Legend** mythology. Some of the titles that are included in the Fabula Nova Crystallis are Final Fantasy XIII and the upcoming Final Fantasy XV. Final Fantasy Type 0 was originally to be released for the mobile phones but it was re-announced to be released for Playstation Portable instead but was not released internationally. Due to strong fan requests for localization, the HD version will become available for the **Playstation 4** and **Xbox One** in 2015.

Characters

Type-0 has a total of 14 playable characters to choose from, each with different weapons of expertise.



ACE
Weapon:
Cards



DEUCE
Weapon:
Flute



TREY
Weapon:
Bow



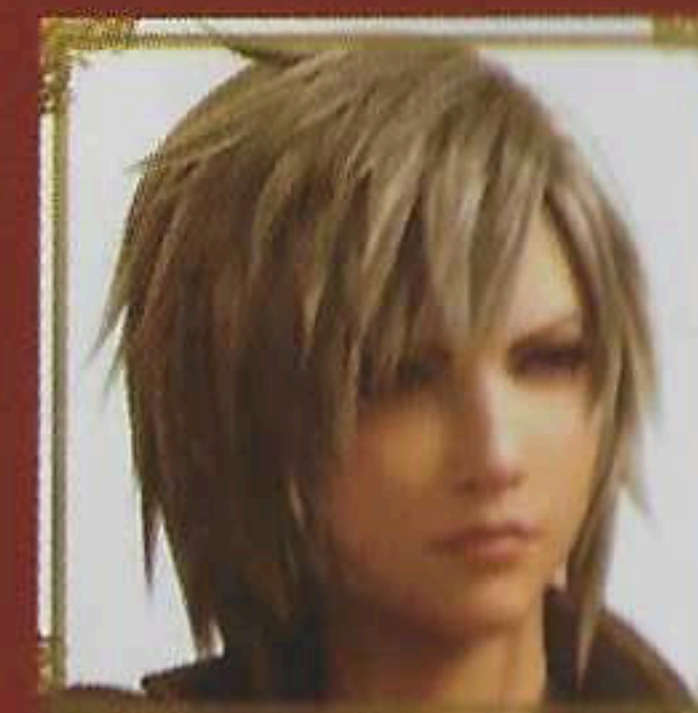
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Knuckles



NINE
Weapon:
Spear



JACK
Weapon:
Tachi



KING
Weapon:
Dual Handguns



QUEEN
Weapon:
Sword



MACHINA
Weapon:
Twin Rapiers



REM
Weapon:
Twin Daggers

GAMEPLAY

Final Fantasy Type-0 HD is an action-rpg which uses an **ATB Kai battle system** similar to **Crisis Core: Final Fantasy 7** and with some elements similar to **The 3rd Birthday**. The story proceeds through accomplishing missions assigned though there are time distances on when the next missions begin so the player can roam around the school. The player can assign skills on corresponding buttons. Aside from attack skills and magic, players can block and dodge during battle. Though unlike Crisis Core, Type-0 is a party based game though the player can switch character to use during the battle itself. Before the start of the mission, you can choose your initial party members and reserved members to replace fallen members.

There are various special skills for the party such as Summons which sacrifices a member to summon an Eidolon and Trinity that does a joint attack and no members are sacrificed. In addition to these, players can absorb **Phantoma** from fallen enemies. Phantoma can restore an amount of MP and you can collect them to upgrade or modify magic in the **Alto Crystarium**.

Final Fantasy Type-0 was an exciting game to play and the sneak peeks of the HD remake fuels up the excitement more. The game lets you feel the essence of war and what it brings to the people as you progress through the story. There are still plenty of more things to check out, especially in the HD version, so better prepare and try to check out more about Final Fantasy Type-0!



GAMER'S ARENA

初音ミク Project mirai 2

written by Rekisha

Speaking of video games, did you know that there will be a spin-off game of the "Project DIVA" series?

Well, Sega and Crypton Future Media has a big surprise for 3DS owners this 2015!

Vocaloid is a singing synthesizer program that became popular worldwide mainly because of the iconic virtual-diva Hatsune Miku and friends. As the years go by, vocaloid is now considered as a song genre rather than a program. It's all thanks to the fans' undying support that vocaloid is able to reach new heights such as allowing Miku to perform live concerts in big stages in real-time and having a rhythm video game based on vocaloid.

Hatsune Miku: Project Mirai 2 is a rhythm game developed by Sega and Crypton Future Media for the Nintendo 3DS that was first released in Japan on November 2013. Although there's no specific release date, North America and Europe will have their own localized version of the game sometime this year. Project Mirai 2 is the second Hatsune Miku game to include Gumi Megpoid into the cast.

GAMEPLAY

Project Mirai 2 adds the use of touch screen controls along with the traditional A, B, X and Y button press to match the markers in the song. Thicker lines seen on the trail will require players to hold down the touch screen part, and then when it turns rainbow-colored, players should spin it around in circles. An upped sense of speed and new gimmicks are included in the game as well as the option to prefer sticking to the previous game's playstyle, but with new twists added.

Just like in Project Diva, the PVs can be edited by changing the characters and costumes before playing the song. There are a total of 7 vocaloid characters appearing in the game, 120 costumes, and 78 songs to choose from in Project Mirai 2.

REVIEW

Many people thought that the Hatsune Miku games are Playstation-exclusive, that's why having Project Mirai developed for Nintendo 3DS is a dream come true for the fans of both vocaloid and Nintendo. The core gameplay is basically the same as Project Diva, except that it has new features that takes advantage of the 3DS's touch screen function.

Gumi's inclusion is sure to draw some attention towards this game as she did not appear in any Hatsune Miku games before. Unlike the first game she appeared, Gumi now appears in PVs and has her own costumes. Lastly, the game's song list consists of songs from the previous games and brand new ones that made its debut in the game, so the players have a chance to play the songs from the Project Diva series in Project Mirai 2.

If you love vocaloid or rhythm games in general, you might as well check out Hatsune Miku: Project Mirai 2 when it comes out. This game will surely not disappoint you with its beautiful PV sequences, catchy tunes and seeing your vocaloid characters in different costumes!



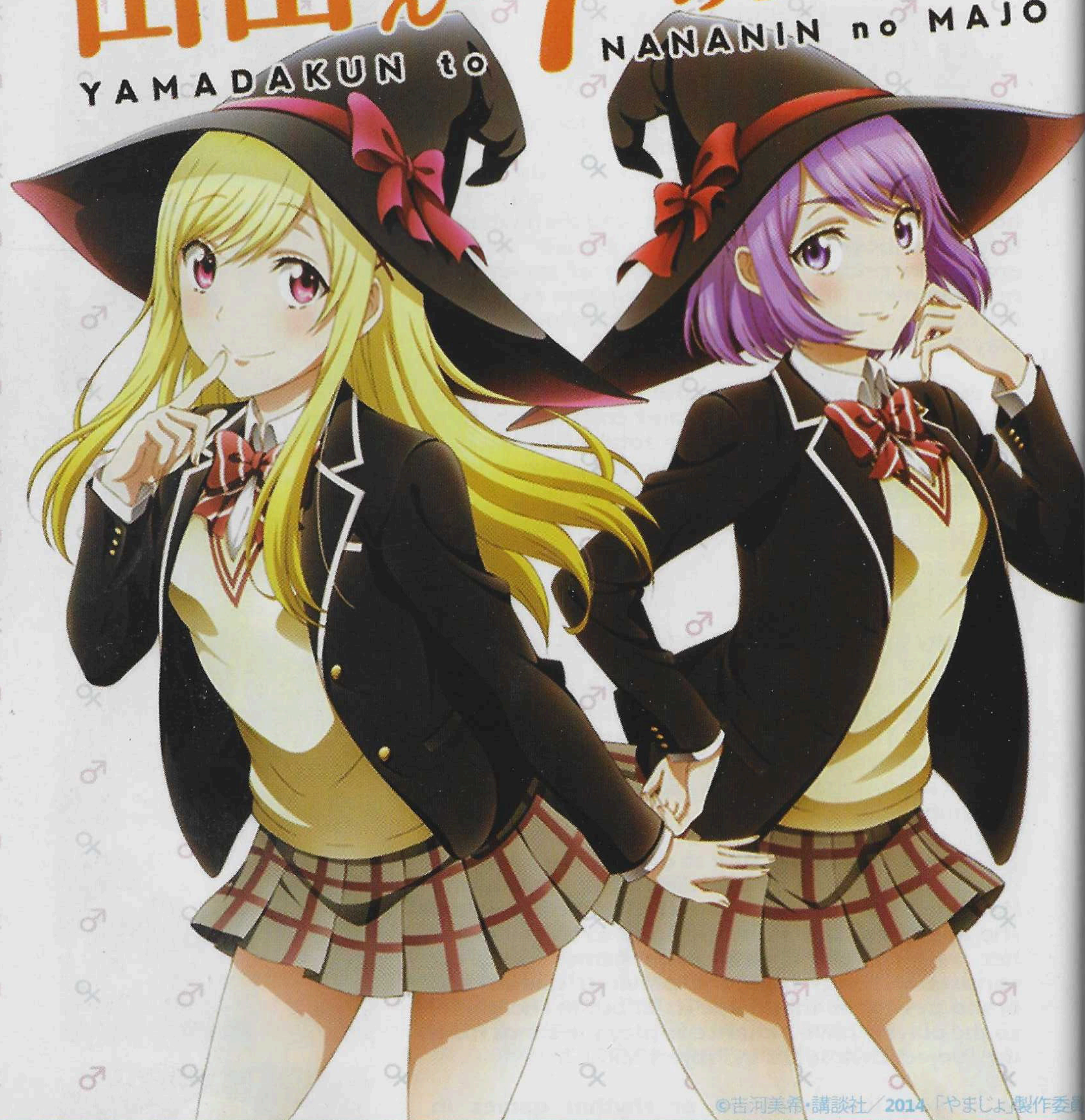


HOT ANIME

by kandy

山田くんと七人の魔女

YAMADAKUN to NANANIN no MAJO



YAMADA Ryu is a second-year student and delinquent at Suzaku High while **Urara Shiraishi** is the ace student. In an accident, they swap bodies! Then the Supernatural Studies Club is formed. It's members find out that Urara has powers to swap bodies while Yamada can copy witches' powers.

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The first OVA released Dec 17, 2014 and the second will be released March 16, 2015. While the anime television series is to be released on April 2015.

Yamada-kun and the Seven Witches is directed by Tomoki Takuno while Eriko Iida designed the characters under the studio, LIDON FILMS.

The story is taken from an ongoing shonen manga written by Miki Yoshikawa published by Kodansha in 2012. It has also been made into a live action television drama in 2013.

This year, unlike other releases, the OVA is released before the anime and may be misunderstood by those who has not yet read the manga.

SUPERNATURAL STUDIES CLUB



YAMADA Ryu

Loud, energetic and excitable, Yamada cherishes his clubmates like no other. They are his reason for coming to school.

URARA Shiraishi

Urara is the calm and collected leader of the club. Soft spoken, she is also hard working and very intelligent.

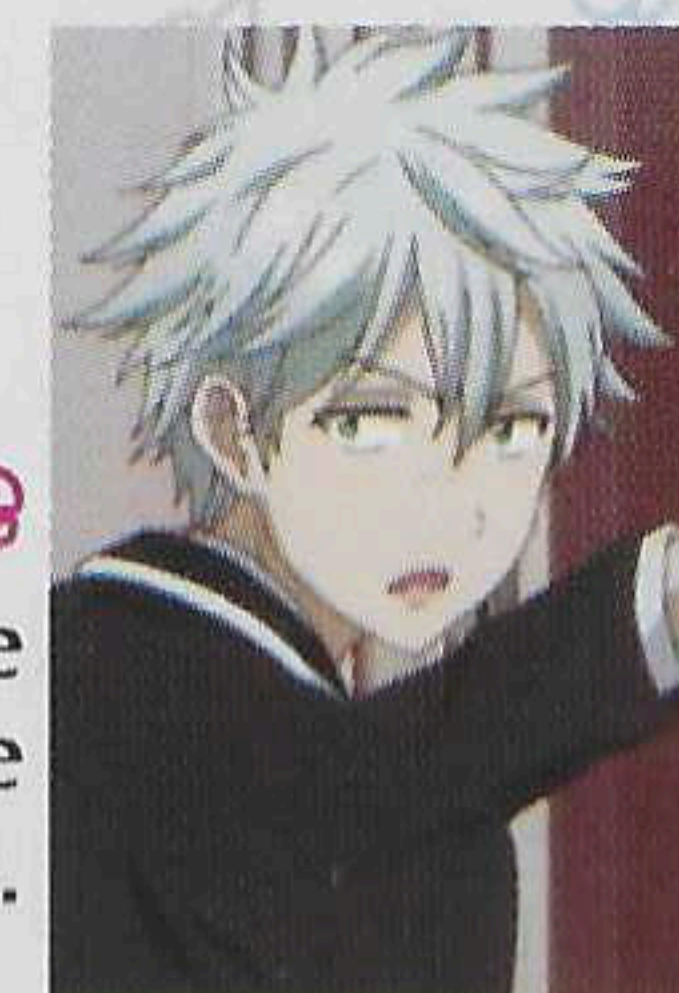


MIYABI Ito

Obsessed with the supernatural, Miyabi joins the club and becomes excited with the smallest things.

MIYAMURA Toranosuke

As Yamada's closest friend and the vice president of the club, he was the one who made Yamada join.



The OVA starts in the preparation of the school's performance festival. The last day of the festival where school clubs are encouraged to perform to win the 50,000 Yen grand prize. The Supernatural Studies Club plans to perform a dance number made by a local idol group, *Seven Witches*. Since the club only has four members, Yamada and his clubmates search for the next three members.

Watch the OVA and later, the anime to follow this cute and interesting anime of supernatural, comedy and drama. Help Yamada FIND THE WITCHES!!





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Illustrated by Oshige
Character design by Ryo

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Character design by TAKUYA OGAKI



No Face Cosplayer: Vincent Austria
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MOVIE REEL

by Yani

コードギアス CODE GEASS 亡国のアキト

Love: that is one of the first things that our elders taught us when we were kids. We should love everyone, especially our family; spending our time together with them and cherish every moment of it. However, not all of us feels the same way towards our family.

Code Geass: Akito the Exiled is set between *Code Geass R1* and *Code Geass R2* which takes place in Europe now under the *Holy Britannian Empire*. Upon Europe's defeat, they formed a unit called **W-0** which is comprised of Japanese nationalities whom engage into battle in order to bring back their freedom.

Akito Hyuga: a member of the W-0 group and the pilot of the *Wyvern Nightmare* is the protagonist of the story. He was dubbed as the *Hannibal's Ghost* by the enemies due to the fact that he can ambush an entire squad of Britannian Empire with ease. It also appears that he is influenced by Geass during battles which resulted in him enjoying killing enemies. But when he is not engaged in battle, he is calm. The W-0 unit is commanded by **Leila Malkal**; a former Britannian and was adopted into the Malkal family.

The goal is the same with the anime series lead by **Lelouch Lamperouge**: to beat the Britannian empire and reclaim their home. As the story progresses, secrets are unveiled.

With the appearance of **Suzaku Kuruugi** together with a new character named **Julian Kingsley** whom highly resembles Lelouch, the series just keeps getting interesting.

Are they the same person or just another character? Will he be an ally or another antagonist?

Code Geass: Akito the Exiled is an Original Video Animation directed and written by **Kazuki Akane** together with **Miya Asakawa**. It was licensed by **Madman Entertainment** and **Funimation**. The first episode was released last August 4, 2012. It is planned to have 4 episodes and so far, 2 episodes has been aired. The third one will be released this coming May 2, 2015 entitled: *The Brightness falls*.



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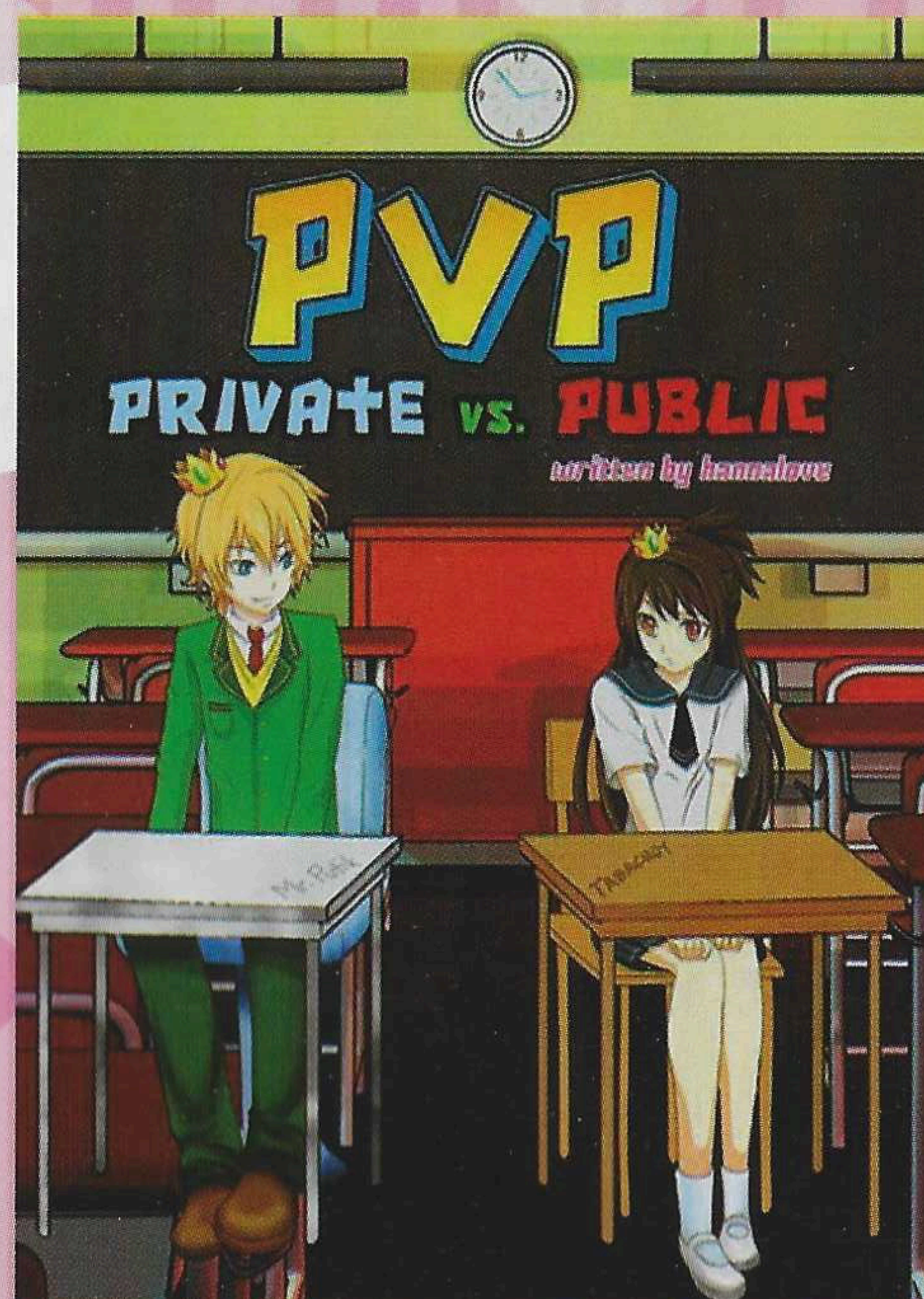
by Ren

PvP

Private vs Public

Written by:
Hannalove

Publisher:
PSICOM



Sequel:



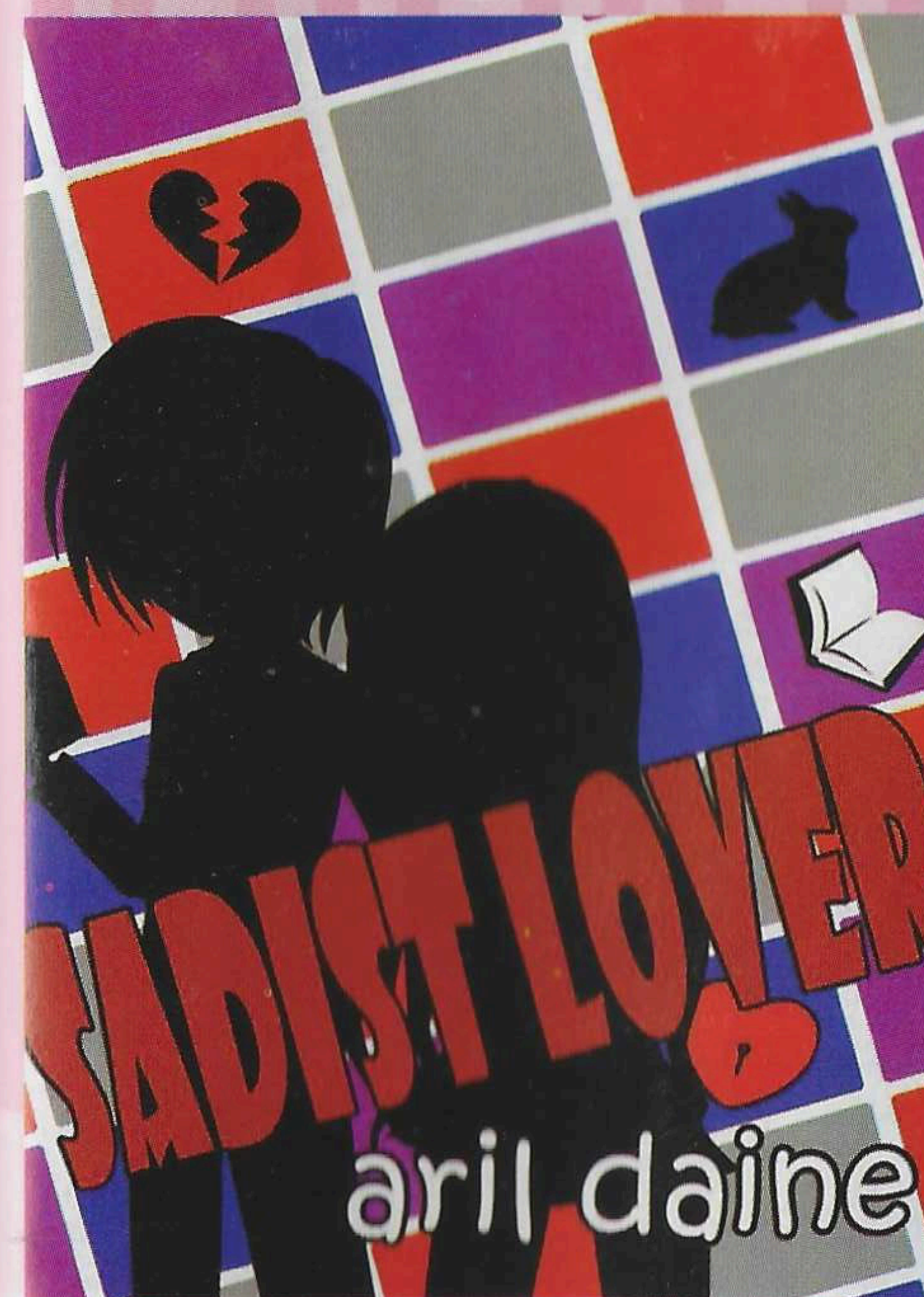
Public Vs. Private 2

When people from different worlds meet, their tendency is to argue and clash because of the stereotypes that were branded for each other. What if they experience a sudden twist in their lives?

Meet Birch National High School's Ms. Perfect and Pacific Academy's Mr. Perfect as they argue about many things because of their educational backgrounds. What will happen to their relationship if they both need to face a life twisting event?

Private VS. Public is about a highschool romance that bloomed between two different people from different worlds. It was originally published in Wattpad and later on published as a book under PSICOM Publishing Inc. Some will say its a typical story but it has its own ways to make you entertained. Its filled with "kilig" and cute moments that will make you want a sequel though there are some parts that its fast paced. There are some grammatical errors but it won't stop you enjoying the book. The story is recommended for those who love some romantic story filled with fun and cuteness.

Will the hate of each other eventually turn to love?
Be sure to grab a copy to find out.

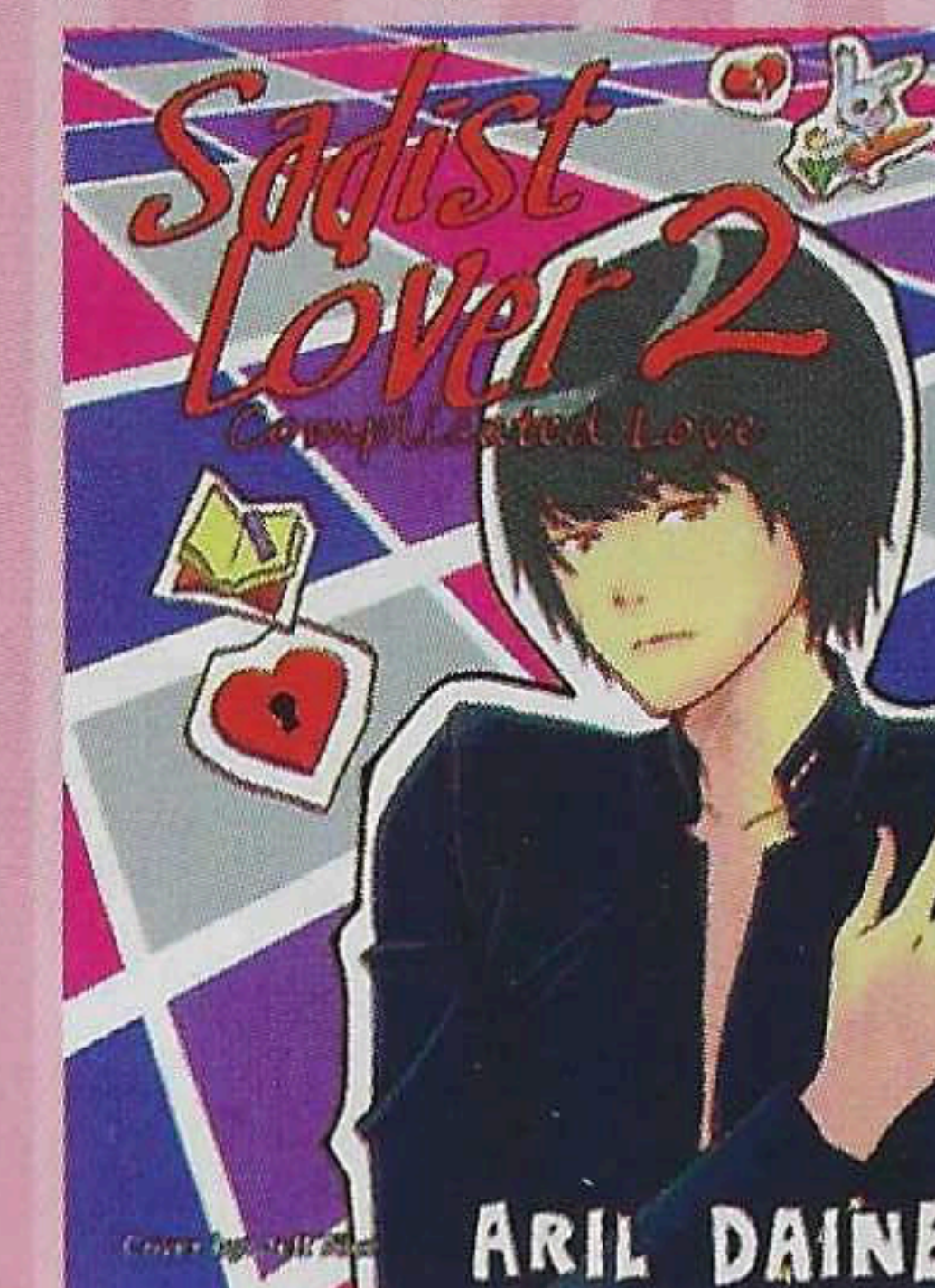


Sadist Lover

Written by:
Aril Daine

Publisher:
PSICOM

Sequels:



Sadist Lover 2:
Complicated Love



Sadist Lover 3:
Definitely a Sadist Vol. 1

Being with someone that's "perfect" could make someone really happy and special in a way. Though what if this "perfect" person was not really that perfect then a new one comes along?

Enter **Miyuki Sharlot Parco's** world whose boyfriend, **Russel de Vera**, is a campus crush and every girl's dream boy. Due to this, she gets a lot of negative looks and comments, making her life miserable since their relationship started. Miyuki just endures these, for the reason that she knows that they love each other.

Suddenly, a transfer student named **Lance Mariano** told her that her boyfriend is kissing someone else. What will she do next?

Sadist Lover is another story first seen in Wattpad then later on published as a book under PSICOM Publishing Inc. The story contains some "kilig" moments and cute scenes though its a bit predictable depending on the audience that's reading it. The story also has some heart-warming scenes though the story progression is a bit fast paced. Sadist Lover is recommended for the teens, especially those who love to read "kilig" inducing stories.

Are you wondering what will our heroine Miyuki do after hearing surprising words from a transferee? Why not grab a copy of Sadist Lover to find out.



REQUESTS

by Ren

D.Gray-man

If you are given an extraordinary power, will you use it to protect humanity or help the ones who want to destroy it?



The story follows **Allen Walker**, whose left arm can transform to a monstrous claw than can destroy the **Akuma**. The Akuma are evolving machines created by the **Millenium Earl**, whose purpose is to destroy humanity. Allen was ordered by his master, **General Cross Marian**, to join the **Black Order**, a group who wants to stop the Earl and become an Exorcist or those who can destroy the Akuma. Aside from his arm, Allen's left eye also has an ability and that is to detect the Akuma. He is then tasked to recover the pieces of the **Innocence** or a substance that can give Exorcists with the power to destroy the Akuma. Meanwhile, the Millenium Earl is also making his move to call together the Noah family who are extraordinary humans that are descendants of Noah that can destroy the Innocence. Both aims to recover the **Heart** which is said to be the most powerful piece of the Innocence, ensuring victory whoever gets their hands on it first.

D.Gray-man is a shonen manga written **Katsura Hoshino** and was serialized in the **Weekly Shounen Jump** magazine then later on to a monthly series. **D. Gray-man** became one of the best-sellers of Shueisha. It also have a spin-off novel entitled **D.Gray-man Reverse** and back in 2006, a 103 episode anime adaptation.

Want to know more of Allen's journey and who'll get the Heart? Check out **D.Gray-man**!

Ookami Shoujo to Kuro Ouji



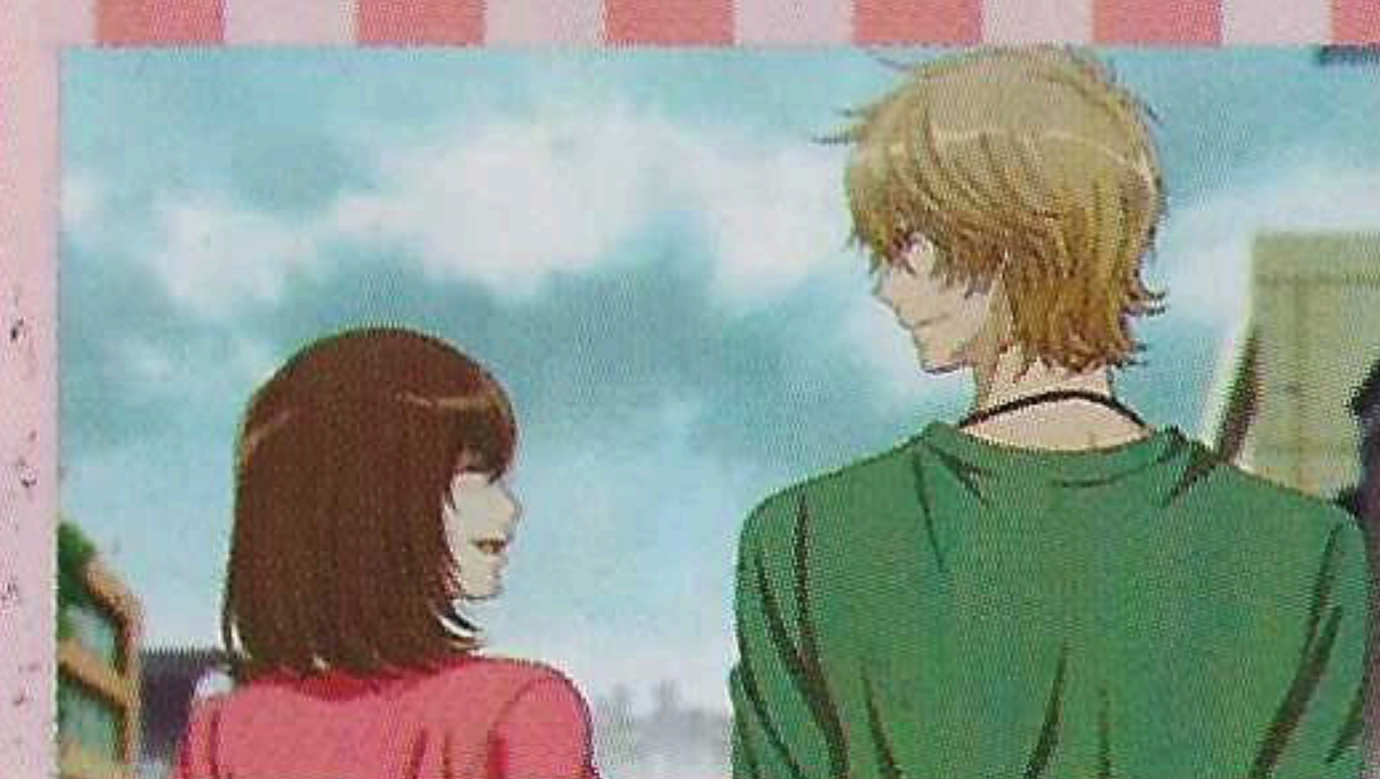
There are people who lie about on what they have in order to brag to others or to compete with other people. What if to some circumstance they are forced to make their lies to reality?

Our 16 year old protagonist, **Shinohara Erika** always tells her friends about her romantic experiences with her group of friends but in reality, she has no boyfriend. One time, her friends pushed her to show them a picture of her supposed boyfriend. She did got a candid picture but it turns out that this guy is their schoolmate, **Sata Kyouya**! In order to make her lies believable, Erika approached Kyouya to ask him to pretend to be her boyfriend and to her surprise, he agreed. She thought that he is a sweet and caring guy, but in reality, Kyouya is a black-hearted sadist who will take advantage of her weakness, making Erika's life a nightmarish one...and his dog.

Ookami Shoujo to Kuro Ouji (Wolf Girl and Black Prince) is 2014 anime series directed by Kenichi Kasai under the studio, **TYO Animations**. It was adapted from a shoujo manga by **Ayuko Hatta** and was published in **Shueisha's Bessatsu Margaret**. Back in 2013, the series is also adapted to a drama CD.

Are you thrilled to know what will happen to Erika and Kyouya throughout their fake relationship?

Why not check out **Ookami Shoujo to Kuro Ouji**?





Tonari no Kaibutsu -Kun

Have you met someone who sparked a change in your life? Shizuku and Haru both met one through each other.



Mizutani Shizuku is known as emotionless and cold in her class and the things that only interests are her studies and her future. Meanwhile Yoshida Haru, her seatmate, is known as a violent and uncontrollable monster that rarely attends school.



Shizuku met Haru through being tasked to deliver class printouts in his home and to a surprise, Haru greets her as a friend, sparking a relationship with each other. Shizuku is touched by Haru's innocence and lack of knowledge in human relationships. Despite of being known as a monster, Haru is actually kind and gentle.



One time Haru declares his love for Shizuku but it took long for her to realize and accepts her feelings towards him. Together, they help each other to make and care for new friends.



Tonari no Kaibutsu-Kun (My Little Monster/The Monster Sitting Beside Me) is a shoujo manga made by Robico that was serialized in Kondansha's Dessert Magazine. In 2012, it was adapted as an anime series by the studio, Brain's Base.

See how Shizuku and Haru's relationship with each other and with others develop in Tonari no Kaibutsu-Kun!

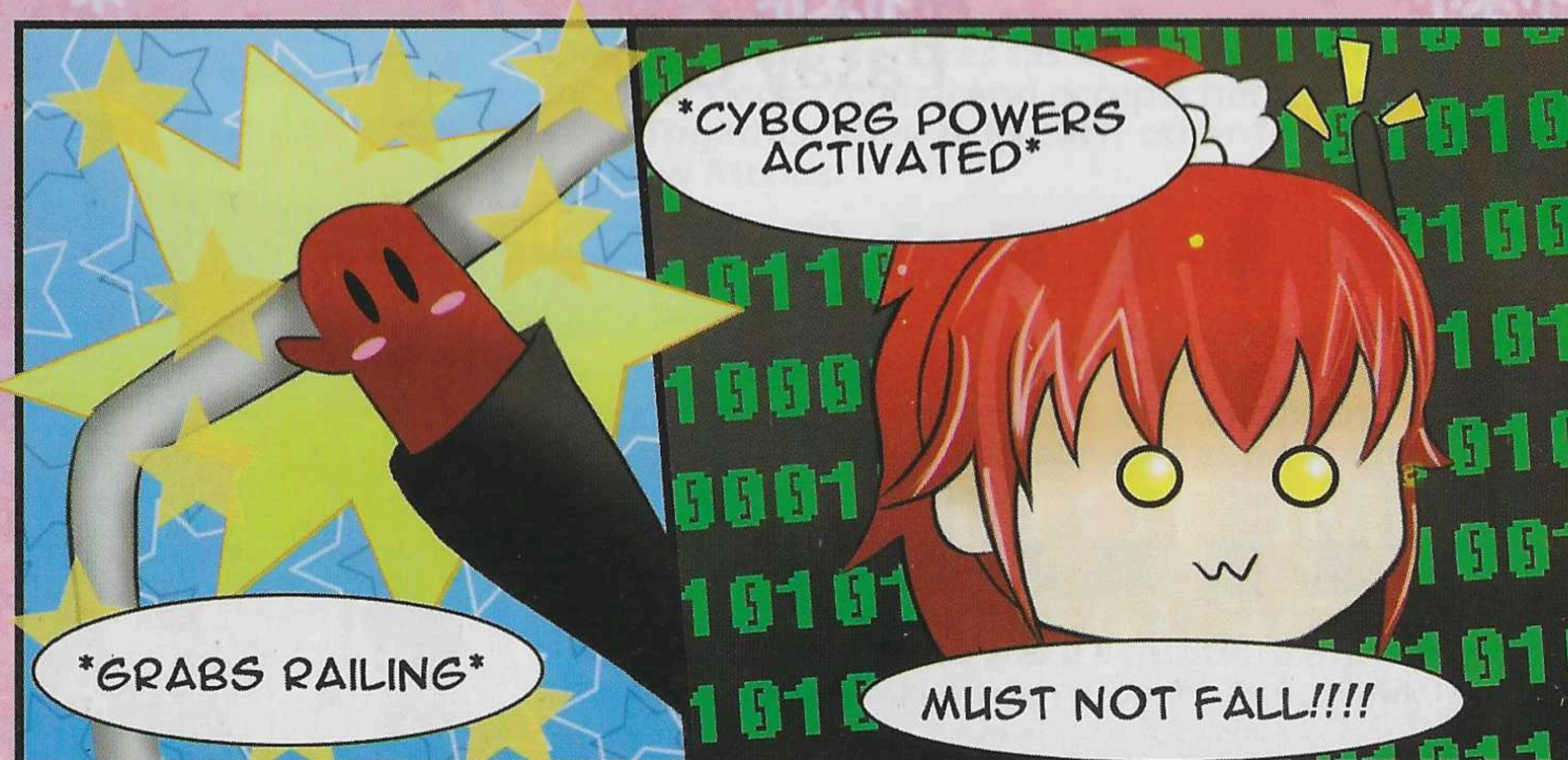
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#THROWBACK

written by Yani

Catch & Collect all 52 CARDS!

Sakura Kinomoto is living a normal life together with her father and brother but that changed one day. She discovered an old book that she saw on his father's library which suprisingly makes a strange noise. Out of curiosity, she opened the book and saw a deck of cards which she read the first card that caused the cards to fly everywhere. These cards are magical cards called Clow cards that can cause havoc if not caught immediately. Now, she must collect all those cards before its too late.

Cardcaptor Sakura is a manga and anime series written by CLAMP. The manga was published by Kodansha and the anime was produced by Madhouse.

Cardcaptor Sakura: one of the anime classics here in the Philippines alongside with Slam Dunk, UFO Baby, Rave, etc. Eventhough the series started in 1996 and ended in 2000, it is still popular among people nowadays. Remember the crazy adventures of Sakura in catching all those cards, meeting new people and new discoveries as she go along.

If you're thinking that the last episode of the series is the ending... you are mistaken. The conclusion and ending of the series is the 2nd movie of the anime entitled: Cardcaptor Sakura: The Sealed Card.

Let's rewatch again to bring back our fandom with the anime that we grew up with and watched when we were still kids.

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CARDCAPTOR

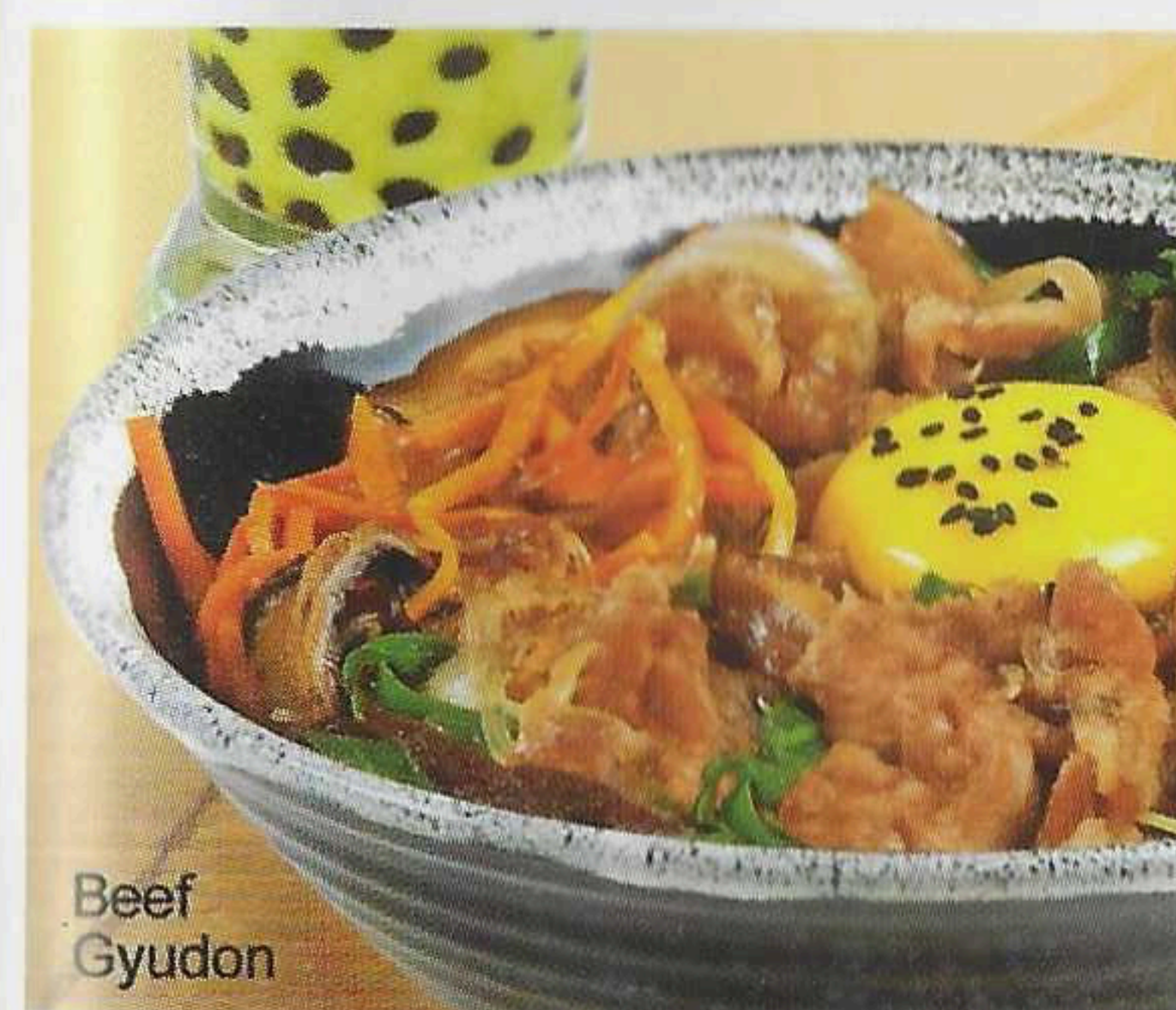


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Currently, Bubble Tea has branches in SM Megamall & SM North EDSA-The Block, which started 2007, and in Tomas Morato, Q.C. & Wilson, Greenhills, which started 2010, at The Fort, which started 2011 and now open at Westgate in Alabang, Harborpoint in Subic, Robinsons Place in Bacolod and Marquee Mall in Pampanga.



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